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DAILY GAZETTE.

NEWS OF THE DAY

—Bennett may fight after all.

The temperance tide shows now sign of of ebbing.

—The snow-banks went into liquidation last night.

—Did you ever see such smiling faces as the plumbers wear?

—Astor, Stewart, Vanderbilt, Garner, Lick—not many of us left.

—The daughter of George Francis Train is a belle in Washington society.

—How handy Baron de Palm would come in now to sprinkle on the slippery pavements.

—A Paris writer says ladies will have bonnets of seventy-two shapes to choose from next fall.

—Bucher thinks if Vanderbilt had sung hymns thirty years ago it would have been better for him.

—St. Louis has a Sunday Dime Lecture Course—and the first lecture was delivered yesterday by Carl Schurz.

—Gen. Joseph E. Johnston has rented a house in Richmond, where he is about to attend to insurance interests.

—Mr. J. C. Flood, the Bonanza Californian, gave a Christmas present of $2,000 in gold to San Francisco charities.

—Mr. Gladstone, it is said, has realized the extraordinary sum of $60,000 from his pamphlet on the "Bulgarian Horrors."

—The telegraph reports good sleighing at Shreveport. But for that matter staying is generally good there all the year round.

—The Chicago *Journal* puts it in this way:

"Ashes on the side walk
Save dashes in street-talk."

—The Mexican border is getting to be rather an unpleasant addition on the outskirts of the country—better have it gathered in.

—Staten Island population is now divided into two great classes—those who do expect a legacy from the Commodore and those who don't.

—The New York *Tribune* says pointedly: "The question must be pressed home: Was or was not the bridge at Ashtabula made of the best of iron?"

—The suit of blue Kentucky jeans which Gov. Williams, of Indiana, will wear at his inauguration to-day was presented to him by some Louisville ladies.

—Swedenborg thought that an angel was a score of exaggerated men. Here we pause for Mrs Swisshelm's opinion of Swedenborg.—*Cincinnati Commercial.*

—The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher and Theodore Tilton, with one other passenger, were the only occupants of a drawing-room car from Schenectady to Rome, N. Y., last Wednesday.

—Ex-Gov. B. Gratz Brown has resumed his law practice, making in St. Louis on Tuesday his first speech in court, after an absence of more than twenty years from thonal legal precincts.

—The weekly bank statement in New York shows more gold than greenbacks on hand. Now restore the double standard, keep the peace, and resumption will come without a spasm or a pinch.

—One of the pleasing phenomena of the day is the recovery of the health of Senator Conkling. He is able to speak a little, and then his delivery is so happy that everybody congratulates him.

—Even in dying the Vanderbilts are remarkables. So strange a coincidence as the decease, within twenty-four hours of each other, of the old Commodore and his older sister has seldom or never been recorded.

—"Was that thunder?" said Fernando Wood yesterday. "Oh, no," said Sam Cox with cheerful confidence, "it's merely Brother Cronin blowing his nose." "H'm?" said Fernando absently, "another county heard from."

—Mabel Struthers is the name of the child who plays at the Boston Theater the part of Pearl in "The Scarlet Letter." While the critics write calmly enough about Mrs. Lander, they almost rave over the little girl.

—We only heard one man "swear off" on New Year's day. He was going down the street, and suddenly he threw up his spine on the cold side of the pavement. Then he swore off—and on—for about five minutes.—*Norristown Herald.*

—A New York correspondent says Mrs. Tilton lives with her mother, and is poor. She keeps her two boys, but their father clothes them and pays their other expenses. The two daughters occupy the Livingston street house, and are highly thought of.

—Mr. Mosby has been guilty of a shrewd sentence. A member of Congress asked him the other day what all this talk amounted to, and he answered that "The fellows who are talking about fight remind me of barnyard chickens cackling for corn."

—A Toronto paper has just disgusted the fashionable world of that city by inserting a mysterious paragraph announcing a stylish wedding for a given morning. The church was fairly jammed with aristocracy that crowded to assist at the nuptials of a Pullman car porter and a laundress—both colored.

—Dr. Stronsberg, although banished from Russia on account of his extensive railway frauds, is not vanquished. His departure from Moscow to Berlin is followed by the statement in the Moscow *Gazette* that he has been offered the direction of his late Zirow iron works and mines by the Dukes of Ratibor and Ujest, two Prussian noblemen, who are about to purchase them.

—A very ragged old fellow, all grizzled and weather-beaten, burst in upon a family at Omaha, the other day. The woman of the house fainted, and her sons pitched into the supposed tramp until he yelled out, "Let up, boys, I'm your father from the Black Hills!" They took another look and recognized him. The old man had no gold dust, but he proudly displayed a bullet-hole through his hat.

—The man has missed a great treat who has not risen early on a winter morning, had, turning the flats, peered out into the pearly twilight with its shadows of dim blue, and seen the soft opal of the eastern sky brightening, and the rose pink of sunrise blushing as it kisses the snow, and caught a sight of his wife shoveling a path out to the milkman, and then hustled back to bed for another nap.

—At the reception at the White House on Monday Miss. Mantilla wore a necklace which is the only one of the kind ever manufactured. It is a broad collar of gold filigree work, of peculiar shape, resembling a yoke. It is studded with large pearls, rubies and tiny brilliants. The jewels formed part of the collection of the King of Italy. The necklace was purchased in the Italian department of the Exhibition, and was selected specially because of its unique design.

—And then I felt we were going down down, down; oh, I'll never forget that sensation! an eternity of falling. The only distinct recollection I have is that I felt a certainty of death before me. I did not know where we were going, nor what was happening, but I knew death was ahead, and when I knew this my heart seemed to turn into a piece of cold limestone, and I had no sympathy left for anybody. After that experience I am satisfied that no man when in the presence of death feels any fear. I had only a sensation of resignation to the inevitable, and my heart turned to a piece of cold clay.—*A passenger who escaped at Ashtabula.*

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

LONDON, January 6.—Rev. Richard Cobbold, the English author, is dead.

PARIS, January 6.—Rasmas Villads Christian Ferdinand Winther, a celebrated Danish poet, died to-day.

PARIS, January 6.—The largest sugar refinery of Nantes has stopped work for want of raw material. Many other houses have discharged their workmen.

RAHWAY, N. J., January 6.—Ether was administered last evening to Walter Lewis, aged thirteen, that a tooth might be extracted, and in fifteen minutes the boy was dead.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., January 7.—There was a very heavy fall of snow here last night and to-day. Snow is fully three and a half feet deep on a level.

NEW ORLEANS, January 7.—A billiard match, 1,800 points, for four hundred dollars and the gate money, was won by Sexton. Slosson 976. Average—Sexton, 24; Slosson, 16 7-8. Largest run—Sexton, 102, the largest on record; Slosson, 102. Innings, 75.

HARRISBURG, PA., January 7.—The latest dispatches from Lykens say the firemen are slowly but surely getting control of the fire in the coal mines.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—The heaviest snowstorm of the season set in about daylight this morning, and continued all day. There is now about six inches of snow on the ground, and the temperature falling. The street railroads have been much impeded. Reports received late to-night say the storm has been general throughout this State, and the different railroads are experiencing a good deal of trouble in getting trains through on time in some sections, especially the west. The snow has stopped falling and the weather is turning very cold. The snow is not so heavy east of here, and the prospects are that trains will be delayed but little.

SECOND EDITION

THE FIELD OF POLITICS.

Two Governors to be Inaugurated in Louisiana To-day.

PRESIDENT GRANT DECLINES TO INTERFERE.

His Views on the Presidential Contest.

Additional Testimony in the Oregon Investigation.

THE OREGON CASE.

Additional Testimony in the Electoral Investigation.

WASHINGTON, January 6.—Gov. Grover testified before the Senate Privileges and Election Committee to-day. He knew of no money having been sent to Oregon for election purposes of any sort. He did know that money was raised by subscription by the chairman of the State Democratic Committee to pay the expenses of the electoral messenger. There were no arms in the State House or in the private house of witness on the day of the meeting of the electoral college, or at any time afterward; does not know Bellinger was assured from New York that certain parties in the East would be responsible for all necessary expenses in this electoral matter. It was after the college met that Bellinger collected money for the messenger's expenses. On the morning of the meeting of the electoral college witness went down to the armory to draft the certificates of the electors and deliver them to the Secretary of State. Judge Dready induced the conversation in relation to Watts' case which took place between witness and the Judge.

E. Runyon, of New York, positively declined to give the name of the customer for whom they drew the $8,000 check, payable to Ladd & Bush, of Oregon.

Senator Kernan stated that he, as counsel of witness and as a member of the committee before which witness was testifying, would advise witness to answer the question.

Senator Morton repeated the question, and witness again declined to answer.

Barton Harrison, in response to questions put to him by Senator Mitchell, testified that he was during the rebellion secretary of Jefferson Davis, and for two years up to last December secretary and legal advisor of Mayor Wickham of New York; was consulted by Mr. Runyon day before yesterday regarding the subpœna received by him; had no previous acquaintance with them, but had reason to expect a call from one of them on that day, because a friend in private conversation the day foreshadowed it.

When asked by Senator Morton to state the name of the friend, Harrison declined to do so, but being pressed by the committee for an answer, stated it was W. Pelton, formerly of the Democratic National Committee. Pelton stated to witness that he (Pelton) did not know why Martin and Runyon had been subpœnaed, and had no knowledge of their business.

Mr. Watts, of Oregon, testified that he resigned his postmastership on the 15th of November last. He resigned by telegraph to the Postmaster General, and the day following he received a reply that his resignation had been accepted. He made his returns and ended all connections with the postmastership on the 15th of November. His successor was appointed on the 14th of November.

Cronin, wishing to return home to attend to his private business, was excused from further attendance. The committee will report to the Senate Runyon's refusal to answer, and will ask that action be taken to compel him.

LOUISIANA.

Inauguration of Two Governors To-day.

NEW ORLEANS, January 6.—Gov. Kellogg apprehends no trouble on Monday. He thinks the Democratic programme, after inaugurating Nicholls, is to duplicate the State Government, but pending the solution of the Presidential question they will avoid a collision.

Extraordinary Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, January 7.—It will be recollected that last week the Louisiana Republican Legislature passed a resolution asking for military protection against apprehended Democratic violence, and that the resolution was telegraphed to the President and laid before the Cabinet last Tuesday, when it was deemed proper that no action should be taken on it. But since that time Gov. Kellogg, actuated by a like fear, telegraphed to the President to the same effect, and desired the recognition of the Republican Governor and Legislature, as two inaugurations will take place to-morrow in New Orleans, that of Packard, Republican, and of Nicholls, Democrat, by their respective partisans. The President, having prepared a reply to Gov. Kellogg's telegram, called an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet to-day, in order to inform the members of his proceedings in the premises and to secure their harmonious action. The reply was unanimously approved, and this afternoon transmitted by telegram to Gov. Kellogg and the substance of it afterward given by the President himself to the Associated Press, as follows:

There will be two inaugurations of Governors to-morrow, unless one of them is prevented. I do not, however, propose to interfere with them. I have nothing before me to justify action in the way of recognizing either Governor, and therefore cannot do so, particularly as a committee of each House of Congress is now engaged in investigating all the facts of the late election, including the returns of the two Governors and two Legislatures, both claiming to be legally elected. For use under these circumstances to recognize one or the other would be hardly justifiable, and I have so informed Governor Kellogg.

The President further said that the Democratic State Government organization has the sympathy of such portion of the people of that State as have the requisite means to give assistance to it, if their Governor and Legislature would be recognized by them even if there were not half so many as there are now in the Democratic party in Louisiana. The President repeated that he would not, by either recognizing either Government until the contest should be settled through the Congressional investigation now in progress, but he should consider it to be his duty to keep the peace if occasion require and prevent bloodshed pending the political complications.

The City Quiet.

NEW ORLEANS, January 7.—The city is quiet. No disturbances are apprehended to-morrow.

The *Republican* says the Senate yesterday confirmed the reappointment of Chief Justice Ludeling, of Justice Leonard, and the appointment of Justice John E. King, of St. Landry, to the Supreme bench.

The announcement that Archbishop Perche would participate in the inauguration of Gov. Nicholls to-morrow is incorrect.

THE PRESIDENCY.

President Grant Interviewed on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, January 7.—In regard to the recent publications as to the result of an interview with him, the President said (it is, of course, he had freely expressed his views on the electoral question), but had not said what he would or would not do further than recognize his successor so legally declared. The President, on being asked what he thought of the Democratic meetings to be held to-morrow in various places, said they seem to be intended to intimidate the opposite party and make capital. The effect on the public mind of the North would depend on the character of the proceedings. The people were not to be brought to submission by attempted intimidation. If the speeches delivered at those meetings are temperate or moderate, advising conformity to law and order and acquiescence in the decision to be reached by Congress as to which Presidential candidate received a majority of the electoral votes, the Democrats might strengthen their position. Otherwise a contrary effect might be the result.

DUST TO DUST.

The Remains of Commodore Vanderbuilt Laid to Rest.

An Unostentatious Ceremony.

NEW YORK, January 7.—The funeral of Commodore Vanderbilt took place to-day. The weather was extremely inclement, notwithstanding which a large number of persons called at the house prior to the removal of the remains to the Church of the Strangers, where the funeral services were held. The remains, which were encased in a metallic casket, were laid in the large hall and viewed by friends, visitors and a deputation of two hundred and fifty attaches of the New York Central and Hudson River railroads. The floral offerings were of the most simple character, all attempt at display was studiously avoided. A large crowd witnessed the removal of the remains from the house to the church, which were carried on a bier by six men, one hundred and fifty police keeping the streets clear. Among the principal visitors during the morning were Daniel Drew, Peter Cooper, Thurlow Weed, Augustus Schell, Rev. Dr. John Hall, Marshal O. Roberts, Cyrus W. Field, Governor Morgan, Samuel Ward and Chauncey M. Depew.

The procession from the house to the church was on foot, and headed by Rev. Drs. Deems and Hutton, Drs. Linsley and Elliott, together with Drs. Flint and Van Buren. The casket was followed by Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt, Mrs. C. Vanderbilt, Mr. J. C. Vanderbilt, Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cross, and a large number of relatives of the deceased. The Church of the Strangers was heavily draped with black cloth. Admission was by ticket. Every seat was occupied, the pews in the centre being reserved for the family and near friends.

At the Church.

The casket was borne into the church by twelve men, preceded by Rev. Dr. Deems, reciting the Episcopal burial service. It was placed on a catafalque outside the chancel, the only flowers on it being one small cross of tuberoses. The Commodore's pew was draped in mourning, and remained unoccupied. The organ played a dirge as the procession moved up the aisle. After the service was read the hymns "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and "There is Rest for the Weary" were sung by the choir. These were two of the Commodore's favorite hymns, and Dr. Deems said he had often seen tears roll down the cheeks of "our friend" while listening to the latter. Dr. Deems prayed long and fervently, and asked for blessings on the bereaved, wife and family and on all who had soothed the Commodore in his last hours. After prayer he made

A Touching Address

and said: He who now lies in the coffin before us charged me that but few words should be said over him, and that in them no supposed virtues should be set forth. I will not talk of the dead, but to the living. Living men have no time to think of death. Their lives are too busy. The Holy Ghost says true religion is "work, work, be ye abounding in good work." Be busy in doing good to humanity and devote no time to thoughts of death. The Lord will attend to that as He attended to our birth. Some people say "we must all die," and therefore they argue that we ought to spend our time in preparing to die. This is not true Christian religion. Not one-half of it. True religion is to go forward with a life bold, well in reins, but don't stop the chariot. Our friend was of this belief, and his life abounded in work and good deeds. He charged me to say that not for one minute in his life did he ever disbelieve the Bible, and that neither myself nor any other minister had anything to do with persuading him to believe in it. Some of his last words to me were: "Doctor, you never crowded religion on me." I replied: "No, but I never kept back from you any of God's religion necessary for your salvation."

The Funeral Procession.

At the conclusion of the services the casket was placed in a hearse and the funeral procession started for Staten Island ferry. An immense crowd was collected around the church when the cortege set out. There were over one hundred carriages hired for friends and employes of the deceased, in addition to which numerous private carriages and sleighs joined the procession as it moved slowly down Broadway. Three ferry boats took about sixty carriages on board, and the rest were left behind. At two o'clock the carriages were landed at Vanderbilt landing. The procession reformed and set out for the old Moravian church at Newdorp. The church was unable to contain a tithe of those who came in carriages and crowds of Staten Islanders who had assembled. There were no emblems of mourning in the church. On the contrary it still wore its Christmas decorations.

The coffin having been borne up the aisle, a prayer was delivered by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Vogler, after which Dr. Deems read the conclusion of the Episcopal church burial service. The coffin lid was then removed, and all were permitted to take a last look at the face of the dead Commodore.

At the Grave.

The remains were then carried to the Vanderbilt vault adjoining, the clergymen and physicians heading the procession. Next came the coffin, then Wm. H. Vanderbilt and Jacob Vanderbilt, sons of the brother of the deceased, and the widow, other members of the family and many friends, and lastly friends and employes. The coffin was enclosed in a strong oaken chest, and lowered to the place prepared for it.

The Monument.

is about sixty feet high, of granite, with a marble statute of "Grief" in front, and the simple inscription "Vanderbilt."

Post Mortem Examination.

By a *post mortem* examination on the body of Commodore Vanderbilt, it was found that the immediate cause of death had been ulceration resulting in a perforation of the colon, or large intestine. The perforation, the doctors concluded, could not have existed more than a day or two before death; but the ulceration which caused it might have been going on for three weeks. Besides there was chronic inflammation of the bladder, which gave rise to the intense pains that the Commodore endured at intervals, and *prolapsus ani*. Both the lungs, the heart, the kidneys and liver were found to be more or less affected by disease or unhealthy action, but not sufficiently so to cause death. The perforation of the intestine which caused the death of the Commodore seems to have been a somewhat unexpected development of his disease.

Death of a Sister of Commodore Vanderbilt.

NEW YORK, January 7.—Charlotte De Forest Egbert, a sister of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, died at her residence on Staten Island yesterday, of pneumonia. Mrs. Egbert was eighty-five years and seven days old at the time of her death, or about two years older than her brother. She resembled the Commodore very much in disposition and spirit, and was looked upon as a thorough woman of business. She lived on Staten Island all her life, and occupied the house in which she died for the past fifty-five years. Dr. Linsley spoke of the fact as most remarkable in the annals of medical history that a few moments before Commodore Vanderbilt died he closed his eyes, and the lids remained shut after death. Mary Egbert did the same thing, closing her eyes a few moments before her death. Her eyes remained tightly closed after death.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, January 6.—In the House a resolution was adopted calling on the Railroad Commissioner for information as to what condition the Ashtabula bridge was in when last inspected by him, and when such inspection occurred. Bills were introduced to make the test for illuminating oils 110 degrees, and requiring railroad companies to equip passenger trains with a breaking apparatus under the direct control of the engineer.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, January 6.—Republican Legislature.—A bill appropriating $108,000 for mileage, per diem and legislative expenses was passed. A bill prohibiting the formation of military organizations other than militia passed; also a bill abolishing the office of master and wardens of the port of New Orleans, and transferring their duties, fees and emoluments to the Board of Harbor Masters; also preventing police juries from compelling laborers to work on roads, and allowing them to pay tax instead.

The Democratic Legislature passed a joint resolution declaring the canvass of the late election by the Returning Board null and void, and instructing the Judiciary Committee to prepare an act providing for a proper and legal canvass of said election returns. Nicholls will be inaugurated at St. Patrick's Hall.

TENNESSEE.

NASHVILLE, January 6.—The Legislature of Tennessee adopted resolutions regarding Vanderbilt's death. Speeches were made in both bodies, the first time such marked respect was ever paid by the Legislature to a private citizen.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A Servian Town Attacked by Turkish Troops.

The Latter Repulsed by the Garrison and Cossacks.

Germany Mobilizing Two Army Corps to Watch Poland.

AUSTRIA CALLING OUT THE RESERVES.

TURKEY.

The War Prospects.

LONDON, January 6.—A Pera correspondent of the *Times* writes on January 1st: "I am still of the opinion the Turks will ultimately give in, but there is no doubt that the great trump card intended to be played as a last resource, that of the declaration of war by Russia, has suddenly turned out to be no trump at all, for everything in the attitude of the St. Petersburg Cabinet and conduct of General Ignatieff, the Russian plenipotentiary here, contributes to confirm the belief that Russia is afraid to go to war. The Russian Ambassador in fact throws out clear hints that the affair could only be settled by joint European execution, thus reverting to the proposal made by the Czar two months ago. The Turks have not failed to perceive the advantage accruing to their cause from the irresolution of Russia and Europe, and are not unlikely to continue unmanageable and stubborn so long as they can flatter themselves that the conference will break up without any other result than leaving them masters of the situation."

LONDON, January 6.—Russia has ordered fourteen Krupp eleven-inch guns for Cronstadt.

The Pall Mall *Gazette* says it seems doubtful whether at one time more uncertainty or confusion prevailed than at the present moment. It is clear the committee of foreign statesmen assembled at Constantinople has itself fallen into much disorder, and that if the Turks are only resolute enough in this hour, and are thereafter truly solicitous and speedy in establishing the reforms of their own new constitution, they may boast of having defeated and silenced all Europe.

Exchange of Prisoners.

SEMLIN, January 6.—It is expected an exchange of prisoners between Servia and Turkey will take place shortly.

A Battle.

A considerable force of Circassians and Bashi-Bazouks advanced against Negotin on the 23rd of January, and were met by the garrison and some Cossacks from Kladowa. According to information received at Servian headquarters, thirty-five Cossacks and one hundred and eleven Turks were killed. As a fresh attack is apprehended, Kladowa is being fortified.

Germany to Watch the Poles.

LONDON, January 7.—Germany is preparing to mobilize two army corps for the purpose of watching the Polish frontier. This is in accordance with a statement made some time ago that in the event of war Germany would aid Russia by taking care of Poland. Perhaps a more significant armament is that Austria is collecting munitions of war at Semlin, opposite Belgrade, preparatory to seizing the Servian capital in the event of a Russian occupation of Roumania.

Meeting of the Plenipotentiaries.

LONDON, January 8.—A dispatch from Constantinople says the European plenipotentiaries met at the Russian embassy on Saturday evening. It is said they decided to declare at Monday's meeting of the conference that they have not modified their views and cannot make any further concessions.

The Situation Said to be Clear.

LONDON, January 8.—A dispatch dated Constantinople, Sunday, says the situation has again become clear and well defined. The European Governments have therefore ordered their representatives in the conference to refuse to consider Midhat Pasha's constitution, and to present on Monday what is really the European ultimatum. The powers are very determined, and undoubtedly mean to try to force the Porte to accept their proposals. The plenipotentiaries will give the Porte until Wednesday or Thursday for a final and direct answer. In the event of a refusal they have decided to withdraw from Constantinople. The Porte begins to show a disposition to yield, particularly in regard to some sort of an international commission, which is the most important part of the scheme.

Safvet Pasha's Memorandum.

LONDON, January 8.—A Vienna telegram says that information has been received there that the memorandum of Safvet Pasha is so diametrically opposed to the proposals of the powers that unless the plenipotentiaries make considerable concessions in the conference to-day hardly a chance of an agreement remains.

A Vienna correspondent says the Porte seems willing to grant a consular commission for Bosnia and Herzegovina, but refuses to grant one for Bulgaria. The correspondent concludes an exhaustive review of the situation as follows:

"The difficulties still existing are not quite so irreconcilable as not to excite a hope that a compromise is possible, or at all events that further delay in the decision for a few days is justified."

Austria Calling Out Reserves.

A Berlin dispatch says Austria is calling out reserves in Bohemia and elsewhere.

A correspondent at Vienna telegraphs that there is every hope that the differences between Roumania and Turkey will be arranged. Turkey has already informed the Roumanian Government that the Porte never could have any intention of altering by any act of internal policy the position which Roumania derived from international treaties.

According to latest accounts General Tchernayeff will not return to Servia, but will return to Nice. His thorough dissipation is probably owing to orders from Russia.

Differences Settled.

The differences between the Servian Government and Russian volunteers have been settled. The men are to continue to form separate corps under their own officers, with Gen. Nikitine as their commander.

Various special dispatches as to probable attitude of the Porte at to-day's sitting of the conference are very conflicting. A Pera special, dated Sunday, says the Porte is apparently still determined to make no further concessions. The Marquis of Salisbury has already engaged a steamer to depart on the 10th inst. The same correspondent confirms the report that some sort of an ultimatum will be presented to the Porte to-day.

SPAIN.

The Extradition Treaty.

LONDON, January 7.—A dispatch from Madrid states that the extradition treaty between Spain and the United States includes crimes committed in Cuba and other colonies. The relations between Washington and Madrid are very cordial in respect to claims connected with Cuba.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Change in Ambassadors.

LONDON, January 7.—It is announced that Sir Edward Thornton, the present British Minister to the United States, is to replace Sir Henry G. Elliot at Constantinople.

ITALY.

Elections.

ROME, January 7.—Complimentary elections held to-day at Vittoria and Congliano resulted in the return to Parliament of Signori R. Bonghi and Visconti Venosta, members of the late Cabinet.

The Mexican Revolution.

CITY OF MEXICO, December 26.—Whole brigades and regiments of Iglesias' army have pronounced for Diaz, but the latter has not left Tepic. Iglesias, he being strongly posted with 15,000 men at Silca. The States of Jalisco, Zacatecas, Durango, San Louis Potosi and Nuevo Leon have pronounced for Diaz. Gen. Mendez, who was appointed regent by Diaz to act during his absence, has issued a convocatoria for the election of a President, chief justice and members of Congress on January 27th. Gen. Mejia and Iglesias are both excluded as candidates of electors, also members of the Lerdo and Juarez Governments.

Marine News.

LONDON, January 6.—The steamships Abyssinia, Egypt and Canada, from New York, have arrived.

NEW YORK, January 6.—Arrived—The steamship Fague, from Antwerp.

NEW YORK, January 7.—Arrived—The steamers Parthia and City of New York, from Liverpool.

HALIFAX, January 7.—Arrived—The Polynesian, from Liverpool.

NEW YORK, January 7.—Arrived—The steamer Idaho, from Liverpool.

HALIFAX, January 7.—The steamship Austrian arrived at St. John from Liverpool.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, January 8, 1877.

HOUSE.

FREEDMEN'S BANK.

Mr. DOUGLASS, Chairman of the Freedmen's Bank Committee, reported a bill authorizing Edmunds, the Bank Commissioner, in property sold under foreclosure, to secure the debts of the bank and to sell the same at public or private sale when it is for the interest of the bank to do so, and also notifying them of their former action in doing so. He explained that the commissioners, in winding up the affairs of the bank, in selling property conveyed to the bank to secure debts, had been compelled, in order to prevent a sacrifice of the property, to buy in a large proportion of it, and afterwards to resell it. The legality of this course had been questioned, and this bill was reported in order to remove doubts in the matter and to prevent expensive litigation. The bill was passed.

PUBLIC LANDS.

The Senate bill allowing Ingraham P. Abbott to purchase at $2.50 an acre a tract of land along the river range of Wayne county, Michigan, was passed.

Mr. GOODIN, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported a bill authorizing the McGregor Western Railroad in Iowa to intersect the road from Sioux City to the Minnesota State line outside and west of Obrien county, with a proviso that the grant of land shall not be increased or changed, and that homestead and pre-emption rights shall not be affected. Passed.

Soon afterward the House went into Committee of the Whole on the

CONSULAR AND DIPLOMATIC APPROPRIATION BILL,

The first paragraphs were those making appropriations for the salaries of Ministers.

Mr. HOLMAN offered an amendment fixing the following rate of salaries for ministers: Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia, $15,000, now $17,000; Spain, Austria, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Japan and China, $10,000, now $12,000; Chili and Peru as at present; Belgium, Netherlands, Sweden and Norway, Turkey, Venezuela, Hawaiian Islands and Argentine Republic, $8,000, now $7,500; Guatamala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Salvador and Nicaragua (one minister), $8,000, now $10,000; Minister and Consul-General to Hayti and Liberia, each $4,000, now $7,500 and $4,000.

Mr. MONROE opposed the amendment as one offered in the dark and without reasons to sustain it.

Mr. HOLMAN advocated the amendment, and said that the whole system ought to be abolished, and he believed that it would disappear in a very short time in every one of the enlightened nations of the world. The offices of ministers and ambassadors were now mere sinecures.

The committee rose without any action on the bill, and the House considered business of the District of Columbia. A few bills of local import were passed, and the House adjourned.

WASHINGTON TOPICS.

WASHINGTON, January 7, 1877.

Masquerade Carnival.

A grand masquerade carnival took place yesterday afternoon on Pennsylvania avenue. The sidewalks were thronged with people, on the stand for hours to witness the novel sight. Rain began to fall shortly before the commencement of the carnival, and continued throughout the afternoon and evening, freezing as it fell, making pedestrianism difficult and dangerous.

Neglect of Duty.

The reason given by the President for asking members of the Police Board of Commissioners of this District for their resignations was that on reading the testimony taken in the recent investigation concerning gambling houses he was surprised to learn that their suppression had been neglected. He had been in Washington a long time, indeed, but not until recently learned of the actual existence of so many places of that character, which were carried on contrary to law, and should therefore be closed. He knew nothing of the alleged conspiracy against Representative Whitthorne, except what two detectives related to him.

Stolen Money Restored.

A report is in circulation late to-night that the sum of nearly twelve thousand dollars, belonging to the Illinois National Bank of Chicago, recently stolen from the Treasury Department, has been restored, the person who committed the larceny having returned it to the Treasurer through a third party. It is further stated that the guilty person, fearful of detection, resorted to this means of restoring the stolen funds in the hope of being saved from public exposure, and that no person connected with the detective service had anything to do with its recovery.

The Geneva Award.

The President says that, contrary to a recently published statement, he has no intention of sending a message to Congress on the subject of the Geneva award. He thought, however, that Congress ought to extend the class of cases for which damages are claimed, that none of the award ought to go back to Great Britain, because the entire amount was less than the value of the ships destroyed, and that if there were any surplus it would be a good thing to expend it toward restoring our merchant marine to what it was before the depredations of the rebel cruisers.

Removal of Ordnance.

The President, in reply to a question concerning the recent removal of ordnance and ordnance stores, said the force at Jefferson being small, they were sent to Rock Island, where they could be properly guarded. But he had no knowledge of a recent movement of like material from Baton Rouge to New York, although the report might be true.

BENNETT-MAY.

Their Little Unpleasantness to be Settled With Pistols.

NEW YORK, January 7.—The *World* says a hostile meeting between Bennett and May will probably take place to-day. Frederick May and his cousin from Baltimore, who left New York on Friday night, purchased tickets for Montreal, but it is probable that some point this side of that city, but on the other side of the border, had been already selected, and that Mr. Bennett was already in waiting there, having taken a train by the Northern Railroad from Boston. This point in all probability is in the neighborhood of Stanstead, on the southern border of Canada, and just over the Vermont State line. Dispatches from Montreal make it certain that the parties did not go that far. A report that Mr. Bennett had secured the services of General Richard Taylor as second proves to have been unfounded. General Taylor is confined to his room in Washington by a severe indisposition. It is possible that Mr. John Heckster will act in that capacity, as he could not be found in the city last night. Both Bennett and May have certainly left the city. It was said by an intimate friend of the two gentlemen last night that there is little or no doubt that they will fight. Both are experts with the pistol, and that will undoubtedly be the weapon chosen. It is said that this latter point was agreed upon before Mr. May left the city. Neither ex-City Judge Gunning S. Bedford nor Recorder Hackett could be found last night at their residences, and a rumor was current that strenuous efforts would be made to arrange the affair amicably. Another rumor was that Mr. Bedford and his brother, Dr. Bedford, had left the city, to be present at the duel, the former as a second and the latter in his professional capacity.

A reporter of the *Times* called at Mr. May's residence last evening, and had an interview with his father, Dr. Frederick May. The old gentleman was very much agitated, and at first declined to converse upon the subject of his son's whereabouts, but subsequently stated that he left home the previous evening. The doctor had evidently been weeping, and his nervous depression was quite noticeable. He said, but too plainly the solicitude he felt for his son.

NEW YORK, January 7.—It was rumored around the city to-day that James Gordon Bennett and Frederick May had fought a duel, but the rumor did not state the place of meeting. At the Union Club to-night, when members were spoken to about it, they acknowledged having heard the report, but could give no particulars, nor any reason why such report could have been started. No telegrams in reference to the matter have been received there up to a late hour to-night.

Dr. May, father of Frederick May, when spoken to about the matter this afternoon, stated that he had heard some rumors, but had nothing confirmatory or otherwise about them.

WASHINGTON, January 7.—A gentleman who arrived from Baltimore to-night says that last night he saw Frederick May at the Maryland Club in that city.

BALTIMORE, January 7.—Dr. Frederick May, a cousin of May, who assaulted Bennett, is in this city.

STEAMSHIP ASHORE.

The Amerique Fast on the New Jersey Shore—Three of the Crew Lost.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., January 7.—The Trans-Atlantic steamship Amerique, bound from Havre for New York, came ashore at Seabright, about four miles north of this place, at three o'clock this morning. There were three cabin, fifty-one second and fourth class passengers, and one hundred and sixty-two officers and crew on board, all of whom, with the exception of three of the crew, were saved. Soon after the ship struck the Captain ordered a small boat, with a crew composed of officers Brillaing and eleven men, to convey information ashore and obtain assistance. The steamship was then only seven yards from the beach. The boat struck the beach, but the undertow and floating ice together, there being much of the latter, upset her, and three of the crew were lost. Crews from life saving stations were on hand, and succeeded soon afterward in throwing a line to the ship, and by the aid of the crew of the Amerique the life car was soon drawn on board. The passengers were at first afraid to enter the car, but Mr. Cornell Jewett and his wife, who were passengers on board, entered and were safely drawn ashore, after which all of the passengers and most of the crew were landed, five or six in the car at a time. The captain still remained aboard, looking after the vessel. All of the mails and specie were safely landed. The vessel lies well up on the beach, and it is thought she will be high and dry at the low tide.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Jewett and a Spanish lady, the cabin passengers, are at the hotel at Seabright, while the second and fourth class passengers and a large part of the crew are at a hotel here. The ship was in charge of a pilot taken on board yesterday. The weather was very thick. The conduct of the crew of the life saving stations was of the most efficient nature. They were promptly on hand, and by their exertions saved every one who was on board after they arrived. Had not the boat left the ship all would have been saved.

BREVITIES.

····Forty poor persons were fed free at the Central Hotel on Saturday.

····Important business will come before the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

····The annual elections for directors of most of our banking and insurance companies take place to-day and to-morrow.

····A number of narrow escapes were made in Allegheny City and Allegheny yesterday from being injured by large masses of snow falling from the roofs of houses.

····On Saturday evening officer Nute, the night watchman of the P. Ft. W. & C. railroad depot, in Allegheny, lost his pocket book containing $26, his month's savings.

····St. Bridget's Silver Cornet Band held its semi-annual meeting last night and elected Wm. Smith President, Thos. Madden Vice President, J. McBride Secretary and J. McFarren Treasurer.

····The last meeting of the Road Committee was held on Saturday. Nothing was done but the approval of a bill of $596 for work done in placing stone and cinders on Sylvan avenue extension.

····Mr. Boyd, a resident of Jack's Run, in the lower part of Allegheny, chased a burglar out of his house early Saturday morning, but unfortunately did not get a shot at him, which he desired to do.

····The Allegheny Valley R. R. Co. cleaned their tracks on Pike street yesterday by hauling the snow outside of the city limits. The Mayor should make the street railway companies do the same thing.

····Most of the applicants to the Board of Poor Guardians for aid are worthy and industrious persons who are out of employment. Last week's work of relief by Secretary Braun was the largest known in the history of the Board.

····On Saturday evening the engineer in the P. Ft. W. & C railroad shop, in Allegheny, was working at his machinery, about eight feet above the floor, when he slipped and fell, and received several severe wounds on the head.

····On Saturday evening a sneak thief entered a house on Jackson street, Allegheny, and stole three coats and a lady's seal skin sacque from Mr. Sol. Shamberg and Joseph Meyers, who were visiting at the house. The articles were worth about $200.

····When the Edgar Thomson steel works, at Braddocks, resumed operations last week, it is said that a number of the former employees were refused their old positions because they had been instrumental in causing the shut down last November.

····On Saturday Deputy Mayor Marsh, one of the collectors for the Zug relief fund, handed over to the treasurer $236 dollars, which is a special collection he made in the Thirty-fifth ward. This closes the collections for the fund, making the total amount $9,581 04.

····During the last three months, for the first time since it was established, the Young Men's Home has about come out even in receipts and expenditures. Numerous contributions have been made this year to the Home, but the indebtedness is still about $3,000.

····Henry Orth, a traveling salesman, is accused by Chas. Klopfer, an Ohio street merchant tailor, of Allegheny, with embezzling $115.35 dollars worth of goods, with which he left Pittsburgh on the 1st of November last to sell merchandise in the country. His whereabouts are unknown now, but Alderman Smith has issued a warrant for his arrest.

····A meeting in the interest of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad was held on Friday night in Stowe township. It is desired to raise $100,000 between this city and Phillips

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MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1877.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp, 48.

BONDS at FRANKFORT, new 5's, 103¼.

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THE Russian settlement of its grievances against Turkey is likely to be attended with some trouble among the jealous populations affected by the change of governmental control. The idea of the Slav element predominating does not meet with favor among the Greeks and others, not of that race. There is a fear, too, even among the Servians, that Russia may, after all, prove a harder master than was Turkey. That Russia will carry her points we do not doubt; but that it will be easily accomplished, is cause for great doubt.

WE ARE glad to be able to chronicle the payment of that $165,000 to the city by the stockholders of the Nation Trust Company, through their solicitors, Messrs. SCHOYER and SHIRAS. The fact of the payment is a very gratifying evidence that they always intended to carry out their agreement, and that the delay really was caused by legal technicalities, which they have faithfully labored to remove. This action of the stockholders will enlist even further sympathy for them than they have ever had before. The terrible mental and financial strain which they have been called upon to bear for the last three years, has been fearful,—almost beyond comprehension. They deserve praise for their action, and the sympathy of all our citizens.

THERE is a decided drift toward securing a permanent home, for the benefit of those reformed from intemperance by the movement now in progress, and to it we have no objection. On the contrary we wish it success; but we again urge that it constitutes one of the most important phases of the work, and should be carefully considered, before being fully entered upon. The ultimate thought, that should be held always in view, is to re-establish the home influence, always the best protection of those who easily yield to temptation. We easily see how this proposed building, where those who are out in the evening, or have spare moments or hours by day, can be made useful as a gathering place of the reformed, but let it also be the aim to have the home patronized by husbands and fathers.

IF THE Democracy do not get enough of their Oregon venture, the signs of the times are wofully deceiving. CRONIN has already divulged that his share of the profits of that precious bit of rascality was $3,000, which he at first sought to palm off on the score of expense, but was finally made to admit that $200 actually covered said expense. Then the receipt of this money was traced to sources that show the TILDEN bureau to have been its starting point. Now one of the brokers who issued a check for $8,000 has been found, and he testified that he had been requested not to tell. Altogether $25,000 are known to have been sent, $3,000 of which have been traced, leaving $22,000 to run down. This much, out of TILDEN'S barrel, is pretty sure to be traced. Sly as he is, there is a good prospect that the great Democratic Reformer will be caught this time.

AS TIME advances, the Democracy are evidently becoming more tranquil, and preparing to gracefully submit to the inevitable. Senator BAYARD, a fair and honorable man, and an unimpeachable Democrat, states in unmistakable terms his disapproval of the extreme measures that have been advocated by men of his party. "There should be no suggestion of violence," he declares, "if HAYES is inaugurated under the sanction of law," and he adds: "I do not believe he will be inaugurated in violation of the forms of law." This is the belief of the best element of both political parties, moderate and patriotic men who cordially coincide with Senator BAYARD in the opinion that the Constitution contains clear and ample means for the solution of the difficulty. What the country needs just now is more of this kind of talk, and less of the kind that has led to the calling of the useless and mischievous Democratic mass meetings that are to be held on the 8th inst.

RAILROAD HARMONY.

Intelligence from Washington renders it reasonably certain that the rival railroad interests, which have succeeded in preventing the complete success of the effort to extend a new line to the Pacific, have harmonized their differences, and will now cease to antagonize each other before Congress. The result will be the report of a bill, which should promptly pass, if correct in itself, to give them such aid as will allow them to prosecute their work rapidly and to complete success. The details of their agreement we have not yet seen, but the general features consist of a division of territory to be occupied by such road. The Texas Pacific, starting at Fort Smith, has a certain stretch of country to itself, as we understand it, to the vicinity of the San Gorgonio pass. The Southern Pacific has possession of this pass, and will occupy it and proceed a certain distance beyond. Thus the two lines will together form a continuous connection from Fort Worth to San Diego. They are not to be consolidated, but are to pro-rate with each other, and with certain other lines named.

The value to the country of the completion of the Texas Pacific Railroad turns on several considerations. It will open up a new and valuable region, rich in agricultural and mineral resources. The Texas Pacific, so far as built, is a valuable and paying road. It will furnish access to the Arizona region, lessen the cost of Government transportation, and lead to the control of Indian tribes. It will ultimately result in the extension of our railway system into Mexico, and the opening up of close commercial relations with that rich but undeveloped Republic. In the list of immediate advantages to the country of the passage of an act by Congress that will facilitate the rapid building of the road, we mention the effect of the rapid prosecution of the work on the business interests of this country. The charter of that road requires it to use American iron, and the large amounts which it would expend, and which would be widely scattered, will go far toward giving activity to all departments of business. There would be a large demand for rails, spikes, ties, and all the paraphernalia of railroad construction. This will prove highly beneficial to this State, and will have a decided effect generally on the revival of business. All this aside, and Colonel SCOTT and those associated with him deserve the highest commendation and support for their pluck and perseverance in standing by their great enterprise through the depression which followed the panic. They manifested their faith by investing in it their fortunes. At last, their endurance seems likely to be rewarded—the committee of the House being reported as having agreed on a bill that will be satisfactory to all concerned.

THE PENN AVENUE DECISION.

A careful reading of Judge ACHESON'S decision, in the Penn avenue case, shows that while the issue technically considered was that of the justice and legality of taxing rural property according to city rules, the principle laid down covers the entire act, and the decision involves the law, just as much as the special feature mentioned. The Judge views the case as a question of equity, and insists that no law is right in principle which permits a majority to tax the minority to the point of ruin. He denies the right of the Legislature to confer such authority upon any one, much less on a commission which, however well made up, is practically irresponsible as to its expenditures, and its method of keeping accounts. The city does not control, and is not directly involved, except in so far as it consented, or did not object to the law. Its Councils have no authority in controlling the paving of a street under this act, and the minority among the property holders had no voice in or through Councils, in securing a redress of grievances. In fact the minority had no redress whatever,—a fact at variance with all justice and propriety. The Judge further argues that such thoroughfares are a benefit to others besides the property owners, along their line, and that where they extend through a sparsely settled section, the city rule will not, for this reason apply.

It will be seen that this line of reasoning embraces the entire scope of the Penn avenue act. It may not be said to be formally decided, that this act, *per se*, or the right of the Legislature to pass it was illegal, as the issue technically before the Court did not involve this; but the Court clearly explained its understanding of the principle involved, and this was equivalent to a decision on the merits of the entire act. In one sense, it amounts to more than a decision against the constitutionality of the act. If it had merely done this, the city authorities might have fallen back on the ordinary system of assessments for street improvements, and demanded payment for the entire expense within sixty days. But the decision covers this contingency, and clearly shows that the city cannot exercise this authority; cannot, indeed, compel rural property to pay vast and costly street improvements after the manner in which it is done in the closely built part of the city. In fact, it is made very plain in the decision that the city must assume the $5,000,000 involved in those improvements. It would be entirely absurd to doubt or deny that this is the plain purport of the decision rendered. We may dislike and regard as unjust such a decision, but this is what it means.

The method of meeting this emergency should receive the most earnest attention of our most thoughtful minds. To meet the precise demands of the bonds will require about $900,000 a year. This includes interest at 7 per cent. and one-tenth of the principal, yearly, of $5,500,000. The valuation, this year is, we believe, $146,000,000. It would thus require 7 mills of taxation to meet this demand. It will at once be seen that this will be severely oppressive. Some easier and less urgent method of payment must be devised. We have stated what we deem the best plan. This involves substituting five per cent. twenty or twenty-five year bonds for those now out. As the street improvement bonds are based on an act declared, practically, unconstitutional, a declaration to that effect might be made, attended with the offer to redeem them either at par in cash, or with the five per cent. long time bonds of the city. The decision itself will probably reduce the market value of the street bonds, so that they will not range above par. In such an event, no difficulty need arise. This will put aside the necessity of raising one-tenth the principal annually. This will leave the interest alone to raise,—about $350,000 at 7 per cent. or $250,000 at five per cent. If the former, we would have $100,000 for a sinking fund, which in 20 years will liquidate the debt. This will require about 2½ mills assessment. The releasement of rural property abutting on, or benefitted by the improved streets from the liens, would give it a larger taxable value, which probably would be equivalent to one mill, leaving 1½ mills as the general average. This would be $100 tax on a property worth $100,000.

We will be glad to receive any practical suggestions on the subject, but the above plan, so far as we can now see, distributes this burthen as easily as it can well be done. We are not reviewing the enthusiasm in one direction or the disappointed feeling, in another. We have no desire to create strife over the unavoidable. If it is believed that the decision of the Court can be affected by a new case, those interested can readily arrange it. We candidly express our estimate of what the decision involves, and the most practical method that occurs to us to meet it. We are a law abiding people, and however a given decision may affect us, we are ever obedient to the authorities that interpret the law. We have made, and suffered to be made, vast and costly improvements; for the next twenty years we must address ourselves to the task of getting free from debt.

OUR OIL INTERESTS.

It is probably not to be expected that the long continued speculative influence which has existed in the oil business should suddenly subside, and yield to settled and regular methods,—become, in fact, a legitimate business,—because of the speculative propensities of our people. We are, essentially, a speculative nation; and a business which has in it the elements of speculation will always have given it a turn in that direction. It does surprise us, however, that when legitimate methods can be demonstrated to be more regular and profitable than the speculative, that they should not be employed in preference. As we understand it, the refiners are steadily pursuing the even tenor of their way, but the producers are restive, full of agitations, and half disposed to a new oil war, in the hope of larger profits on their business. They are now receiving nearly double for their oil what they did, in the times of the long-continued oil war, but are troubled with the thought that the refiners receive a better profit, and so are restive and dissatisfied. With the contests between two classes of business men, we would have little concern, were it not that this oil interest is of large importance to this State and city. The larger part of it goes abroad, the sales of last week serving to bring over $100,000 to the city,—and those of some weeks quadrupling this amount. This money gives employment to certain branches of iron-making, hoop and barrel industries, carters, and labor of various kinds. Its circulation gives activity to other industries, and forms of business, and serves to break the depression that has so long ruled.

That the producers should have prices that afford legitimate profit, we cheerfully concede, but it is against the interests of existing producers to strive after speculative profits, as the moment they succeed in reaching them, they invite a host of others, who at once proceed to develop new wells. It must be evident, by this time, that it is only by regulating production, or at least the availability of that production to consumers abroad that we can maintain our prices here. Hence the policy being pursued by refiners is, beyond doubt, the true policy for producers, —that of controlling production and exports, as a means of enhancing the price of oil to its legitimate market value. The theory, therefore, that there is not a harmony of interest between the two branches of the oil trade is an error; and there being such interest it follows that if the producers, in place of imagining that they will profit by antagonizing the refiners, will go steadily forward, holding the market firmly, and taking their part of the profits as they legitimately develop, they will, in the long run, gain more than by restiveness, or downright antagonism to the refiners. It is to the interest of exporters to develop ill-will and rivalry between producers and refiners, but not to the interest of the latter to be so influenced.

The sudden and violent antagonism developed against the South Improvement Company, and the odious light in which it was put, prevented the success of its measures, or a fair and impartial presentation of its purpose. Its views were never well presented to the public; yet it aimed at what we now have, if producer and refiner shall be in harmony,—the simple control of the oil trade, so that our exports shall command a fair price abroad. It may have had other and objectionable features, but in so far as it aimed at this, its purposes were commendable. But what it failed to accomplish is now on the point of being reached in a manner that is entirely unobjectionable. The refining interests of the country, which represent a large capital, and are therefore entitled to the larger profit, are consolidated more or less completely, and assume to control the foreign market by regulating the amount of crude oil refined. They are careful not to raise the price above what the market will readily bear, which is about 60 francs at Antwerp. Friday's quotations were 48. The part of the producer is to regulate the production, so that prices ranging from $3.50 to $4 may be had here. The bond of interest and harmony is for the refiner to aid by taking the oil of the producer, and by his larger capital, control the foreign market, while the producer endeavors to regulate the production to the necessities of this law. In the long run, the profits will probably be distributed with comparative evenness. When oil was at 80 at Antwerp, the refiners had the advantage; now when it is at 48, we judge the producers are relatively benefited.

Our country is emerging from a long and severe struggle with business adversity. We need to utilize every resource at our command, in order that we may the more rapidly recuperate. It is so plain as not to need argument, that if our oil exports can be made to realize double the amount they have for years past, this increased inflow of money *must* improve the industrial condition of Western Pennsylvania. It has already made a very perceptible change, but this is only the beginning of better things. The law is inevitable, that if we cause a given amount of products to yield a certain increase of monied return,—while individuals may have the first benefit, all share in the general prosperity. This is what we are seeking.

KINDLY WORDS.

The Pittsburgh GAZETTE has added over 2,000 names to its subscription list since the election. It deserves more yet. It is one of the best and fairest papers that comes to our office, and we rejoice in its prosperity.—*Beaver Valley News.*

Messrs. McKnight & Bro. have added the Pittsburgh GAZETTE to their list of daily papers, and hereafter those of our people who desire the "old and reliable" can get it at their counter. During the campaign just closed the GAZETTE did yeoman service for the Republican party, its course being consistent and reliable, and it was the only one of the dailies that firmly maintained Hayes' election on Wednesday following the election, showing by a compilation of States and figures, that the Republican candidate had received 185 electoral votes, just enough to elect. Its news is fresh and complete, and in every respect it is an able and worthy newspaper, and deserves a liberal patronage.—*Brookville Republican.*

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This old and reliable newspaper is the official paper of the county, and one of the most reliable Republican organs published. In the late Presidential contest the GAZETTE from the very start persistently claimed the election of Hayes and Wheeler —and more reliance was put in its correct and impartial figuring of the electoral vote than most other journals of its character. Its market reports and telegraphic news are always reliable, and its river column replete with valuable information for those interested. Our readers cannot secure a paper that will give better satisfaction.—*Wellsburg Herald.*

FEEDING THE HUNGRY MAN.

A Pathetic Plea for Thirty Minutes' Rest.

Civilization and hunger are incompatible. All the virtues and graces of humanity—certainly of male humanity—fly before an empty stomach. It may be possible for a man to be hungry and amiable at the same time, but it is not safe for any wife to presume upon so an unlikely an occurrence habitually. Ignorance of this physiological truth has been the ruin of many an otherwise happy household. And we may set it down from both observations and experience—promising that our experience in this respect has been exceptionally happy—that pre-prandial discration is the severest test of a good wife. Just before dinner is the worst possible time to bother a husband with questions or complaints, or even with efforts to be aggressively agreeable. This is the time above all others when social silence should grace the home, and make it seem the tired man the most delightful and restful place on earth. Half an hour of quiet just then is the best possible preparation for the social enjoyment of the coming meal, for then the nervous tension and mental strain of business care and anxiety can be gradually relaxed, and the entire system brought into conditions for enjoying food and the amenities of social life. Now frequently does the wife choose that particular time to speak of her own trials and troubles, the misconduct of servants and children, the petty requirements of the household, or other things trivial or disagreeable, and then marvel that her husband's temper is not so sweet as it ought to be? The offense is worse than the introduction of such topics at meal time.—*Scientific American.*

Slander.

Never use a lady's name in an improper place, at an improper time, or in mixed company. Never make assertions about her that you think untrue, or allusions that she herself would blush to hear. When you meet with men who do not scruple to use a woman's name in a reckless manner shun them. They are the very worst members of the community; men lost to every sense of honor, every feeling of humanity. Many a good and worthy woman's character has been forever ruined and her heart broken by a lie, manufactured by some villain, and repeated where it should not have been, and in presence of those whose little judgment could not deter them from circulating the foul and bragging report. A slander is soon propagated, and the smallest thing derogatory to a woman's character will fly on the wings of the wind and magnify as it circulates, until its monstrous weight crushes the poor unconscious victim. Respect the name of woman. Your mother and sisters are women, and as you would have their fair name untarnished and their lives unembittered by the slanderer's bitter tongue, heed the ill your own word may bring upon the mother, the sister, or wife of some fellow creature.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

STORIES OF VANDERBILT.

The Characteristics of the Man Which Led to His Marvelous Success.

HIS BIRTH AND EARLY YOUTH.

Cornelius Vanderbilt the younger was born on Staten Island on the 27th of May, 1794. It is said of him that he was a very noisy baby and made himself heard. He was a wild young fellow, who knew more about hoeing weeds out of his mother's cabbage patches than he knew of the addition table. The times and the customs of the class from which he sprung did not make him a lover of books; nor, indeed, had he any natural inclinations toward them. When he entered manhood he could read fairly, write badly and cipher inexcusably. But for breaking a horse there was not the young fellow's equal on the whole island. He rode a racehorse when he was only six years old. His love for a horse was a passion that grew out of his earliest days. This robust boy would have no love for books. His father whipped and his mother expostulated with him, but anxious poring over books was not to his liking, and he would have none of them. He was a very practical and not a very studious boy. He was always full of plans about a horse or a boat, and he was many a time found experimenting with them when he ought to have been at his meals. He excelled all his companions in whatever became the accomplishments of a robust boy. He would swim further into the surf that swept up on the island beach; he could jump further upon the sand; he could row further out to sea.

More than all things else he loved a boat.

HIS FIRST VESSEL.

Cornelius had the ambition to possess a boat of his own. On the 1st of May, 1810, he being then in his sixteenth year, he went to his mother and asked her for $100, a large sum in those times, to buy himself a boat. The prudent old lady would not give him the money, but insisted that he should do something to pay for the vessel.

"On the 27th of this month," said the mother, "is your birthday. If by that time you have ploughed, harrowed and planted that field with corn (pointing to a tract of eight acres, stumpy and stony), I'll give you the money."

"It's a bargain," said Cornelius; "I'll do it."

"No boat," said she, "if you don't do it."

"All right," said the boy; "I understand; and I'm going to do it."

Afterward, when the Commodore was speaking of this conversation, he said:—"Mother thought she had the best of me on that eight-acre lot, but I got some boys to help me, and we did the work, and it was well done, too: for mother wouldn't allow any half way of doing it. On my birthday I claimed my money, got it, hurried off, bought a boat, hoisted sail and was the happiest boy in the world." From the time that he owned this periagua it may be doubted if he ever again took hold of the plow. His hand had closed firmly upon the tiller which for the next half century was to be to him a veritable sceptre.

"CAPTAIN VANDERBILT."

Vanderbilt was the captain of his own boat at the age of sixteen. With great enterprise he succeeded in running his father and mother out of the ferry business in about six months' time. His youthful face did not always attract those who had freight to carry, any more than it attracted those who as passengers wished to risk in a single trip their lives on the eccentric waters of the harbor. One thing helped him; he was always at his post. Neither wind nor weather prevented his boat from being at her regular landing place at the time when she was expected to be there. Vanderbilt could carry twenty passengers at a time more rapidly than any other man could carry them.

In order that his freight business might not interfere with the regularity of his trips for the accommodation of passengers he frequently worked all the night long. He obtained plenty of business. The Government was at that time building fortifications on Staten and Long Islands, and needed both supplies for the men and materials for the work. Young Vanderbilt sought the labor of transportation, and obtaining it, did it well and made as much money. He soon repaid his mother the $100 which she had given him to buy his boat.

Besides this he gave all his savings to his parents, as the custom was in those days for boys under age to do. Yet he was permitted to retain half of his earnings at night, so that every summer for three years he saved for himself $1,000. It should be known that with some forty boatman competing with him in the harbor, and every one of them a grown and sturdy man, the boy must have had to do a deal of energetic work, not only in obtaining but also in performing contracts.

AS A BOATMAN.

But he was no common boatman. He had no vices. He was always seen to be doing his work in clear weather and in foul, scrupulously and promptly. This boy was never behind time. He always had money in hand, because he did not spend as much as he made, as other boatmen did. His parents, through his industry, were placed in good circumstances. When he was nineteen years old they remitted the term of service to which he was bound by custom, and permitted him to achieve success for himself. His mother was the cause of this doing, and he honored her to the last, saying that he owed everything to her. She lived to be eighty-five years old.

HE "LANDED THEM."

When the British fleet tried to force their way past Sandy Hook to lay New York in ashes, as the Admiral kindly promised, the forts on Sandy Hook beat them off. A fearful storm was raging, but it was absolutely necessary to notify the commanding officer in the city of the attempt and its repulse, and to obtain reinforcements and fresh supplies in case of a renewal. A messenger was sent for the only man who could take a boat through the raging waters to the Battery slip. When Cornelius Vanderbilt made his appearance the staff officer asked anxiously if a boat could live in such a sea. "Yes," said Cornelius, laconically, but firmly, "if properly handled." "Will you take us to the Battery?" was the next question. "I will," replied the young man, "but will be under water half the time." He landed them in safety at the stairs, but they were like drowned rats, and such had been the fury of the winds and waters and the incessant movements of the boat, that one of them declared he had not had time to draw one full breath.

INDEPENDENT AS HONEST.

From the very beginning he was independent. His rights were his rights. During the war he was one day sailing his boat, with a load of soldiers on board, from one of the forts at the Narrows to New York City. When near Quarantine he was hailed by the officer of a boat which was approaching from the Staten Island shore. The boat belonged to one of the ferrymen. As the boats came alongside of each other the officer jumped on board Vanderbilt's boat and ordered the soldiers ashore for inspection. Vanderbilt refused to permit the soldiers to leave the boat. The officer, stung to rage, drew his sword upon the young boatman, but in a moment Vanderbilt knocked him down. It is unnecessary to say that without further molestation Vanderbilt landed his soldiers at the Whitehall dock.

Cornelius Vanderbilt was just out of his time of service to his parents—he was nineteen years old—when he married Miss Sophia Johnson, of Port Richmond, Staten Island.

The first Mrs. Vanderbilt died in 1838.

The Commodore's second wife was Miss Frank Crawford, of Mobile, Ala., and he was seventy-five and she thirty-four at the time of the marriage.

ONE OF HIS REVENGES.

At one time he found himself engaged in trouble with the Nicaraugua Transit Company. The gentlemen who had the controlling interest having, like Jeshurun, waxed fat, like that nation also began to kick and refused to fulfill their engagements. The Commodore wrote them a note of tremendous brevity, which ran: "Gentlemen, you have undertaken to cheat me. I won't sue you, for law is too slow. I'll ruin you. Yours truly, Cornelius Vanderbilt." In a few months he had organized another fleet and commenced an opposition line on the same road, and was fast recovering his word when Walker burst upon the place, and, having established himself as ruler, annulled all contracts and stopped all traffic.

ON WALL STREET.

A prominent banker said: "Vanderbilt was the heaviest operator in stocks which not only Wall street, but which the world has ever seen. He would frequently risk $10,000,000 or $15,000,000 in a day, but he was nearly always successful, and was not only the heaviest, but also the most successful operator the world ever saw." His first great *coup* was the famous "Harlem" corner, in 1864, when a legislative "ring" sold the stock short, and by refusing to confirm the grant of the railway on Broadway expected to knock down the price of the shares, but Commodore Vanderbilt had bought all the stocks and made a close corner upon the "ring," compelling them to settle at an enormous loss. One of the heaviest sufferers was Daniel Drew. After having sold as low as 86 in January of that year, Harlem sold at 285 in June, and the Commodore was said to have netted about $10,000,000 in this "corner." Daniel Drew alone was reputed to have lost $1,000,000. In 1868 followed his heavy and complicated transactions in Erie in which Vanderbilt carried on a gigantic contest with Fisk, Gould and Drew, with what result will be still remembered. In July, 1868, a compromise was finally effected which protected the Commodore against loss. Then came the declaration of the 30 per cent. scrip dividend on New York Central, which brought up the price of the scrip to 218 before it was converted into stock. His success in paying 8 per cent. dividend upon all this stock established for him a great reputation as a railroad financier. Among his latest financial transactions were his heavy purchases of Western Union and the assistance rendered to the Lake Shore in 1873, which helped to re-establish the Union Trust Company after its failure during the panic. The Commodore came comparatively soldom down to Wall street, preferring to give his orders to his brokers every morning at his home. The last time he was seen in Wall street was during the panic.

HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

Commodore Vanderbilt was generally described as a most kingly looking man of about six feet one, with a fine, large, bold head, fair complexion and ruddy cheeks, aquiline, powerful nose and lively, dark eyes of keen expression. His hair was beautifully white, and even now the bankers in Wall street say, "He is the finest looking man I ever saw." He was straight as an arrow and carried himself in an imposing manner. He generally wore black, with a white silk necktie, and in winter a peculiar heavy, fur trimmed overcoat, by which he was generally known about Wall street.

Commodore Vanderbilt had few maxims of life. When he was asked for one he would reply, "Do your business well." And he was sometimes found of adding, "Don't tell anybody what you are going to do until you have done it."

SOME SENATORIAL TUMBLES.

Donn Piatt Relates How He and Senator Jones Had a Disturbing Tumble.

Donn Piatt writes the Cincinnati *Enquirer* from Washington: I was coming the other night from the orifice of the edifice that shelters the Senator Jones of Nevada and financial views. Jones carries on two rather short but stout legs about 200 pounds of Senatorial adipose, bone and muscle to say nothing of his financial views, that are mighty, but do not count. Senator Jones had my arm, and he was about to make a remark that must forever be lost to humanity, for suddenly the Senator disappeared. The night was quite dark. The gas company, upon a suppositious moon had not illuminated to any extent. The arm and shin out of mine in a mysterious manner, and I looked about for my auriferous Jones, but looked in vain. I felt alarmed. It might be a Senatorial case of Charley Ross. Is not our Senator a man of Ross (joke)? Suddenly I heard a strange sound at my feet. I listened. A deep, guttural voice was repeating Scripture.

I reached down. I felt assured that my Senatorial friend was somewhere down there swearing. I was soon convinced of the fact, for, quite unexpectedly, my journalistic extremities without any notice whatever went out in an eccentric manner, and I fell with the force of 200 even upon the Senatorial half of Nevada. Then the great financial John reeled off some more Biblical terms, with a copulative conjunction. Senator Jones helped himself up, and, rubbing that part of his dignified person where the legs end and the body begins, with considerable vigor, asked me if I did not think we had suffered from the shock of an earthquake.

The fall—that was a fall, my countrymen, which I shall cherish so long as my memory holds her own—rather defective in names, dates, notes, and other trifles—happened to Senator Frelinghuysen. Senator Frelinghuysen carries more dignity to the square inch than any other Solon, not excepting Conkling, in Washington. This is not so much because Frelinghuysen is a Senator, but for that he is a Frelinghuysen. Forty centuries look down on Frelinghuysen—which means that Frelinghuysen carries quite a lot of ancestral Frelinghuysens before one reaches the old original Dutch Frelinghuysen who peddled onions up and down the Raritan river and laid the fortunes of their aristocratic race. Hence the Senator is firmer in a Senatorial Frelinghuysen pose. How he got out of his daily wearing apparel into his nightshirt no man can tell. Doubtless he does it in a mysterious way in the dark so that he cannot see himself. Then the gas is lit so that the family and friends can contemplate the pose of a sleeping Senator at all hours.

Poor Nye, whom we buried yesterday, used to say that Frelinghuysen had a silver fork to scratch his back and golden tweezers with which to blow his nose.

Well, I was sitting at a table near the window breakfasting at Welcker's the other morning, when I saw Senator Frelinghuysen start to cross the street. To retain one's footing and one's dignity at the same time on ice is difficult, but the Senator made a fair start, and doubtless would have reached the further side in safety but for a driving snow storm which so blinded the statesman that he collided on a cow that had dodged herself against all emergencies near an alley. There was a brief discussion of an amiable sort between the Senator and the daisy, which ended in Old Dignity losing his footing, and sliding into a horizontal posture under the milky mother of the herd. The Senator was jolted, but the cow was alarmed. She was not prepared for this sort of arrangement in the way of bull-dozing, and suddenly throwing out her tail she lifted her rump with all the grace and agility so peculiar to a cow, clearing the fallen Lycurgus at a bound. But in so doing she too missed her footing, and fell sprawling not a rod from her assailant. It must have been considerable alleviation to the mortified feelings of the Senator to see his enemy down. But he must have walked a mile, I suspect, before he recovered that intense solemnity and dignified bearing for which he is so remarkable.

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At 50c up, very fine line new Dress Goods.

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Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, } MONDAY, January 7, 1877.

Saturday presented no special financial features, the business of the week showing some improvement, which was continued in Saturday's business. There were no changes in values of sufficient importance to call for notice, and the situation seems to improve, and no doubt will continue so to do as the year grows older. Financial matters give no signs of immediate change. The increased rates for money, usual at this season, remain in force. But little change will be anticipated for a time, as there is nothing to produce any variation.

PRICES OF NEW YORK BANK STOCK.

Bank shares were once very popular investments, but of late they have fallen off to a very marked degree. Formerly these stocks were at a premium, but at present one-quarter of the number is under par. The Seventh Ward Bank has been in operation nearly forty years, but its stock only brings 80. The Bank of the Republic, whose capital was $2,000,000, is quoted at 67. The Old Phœnix bank is only 85. The North River, which once was at a premium, is now only 60. The Continental, with a paid-up capital of $1,500,000, is offered at 70, and no buyers. Among our best institutions is the City Bank, whose net profits are more than ... its capital. The last sales of its ... was 300, but the highest bid at present is 210. The Chemical, however, still retains its extraordinary value. This is due to the fact that its capital is only $300,000, while its surplus is more than $3,000,000. It is the most valuable bank stock in the world, the latest sales being 1675 for shares of $100. Among the fortunate stockholders are such names as James Lenox, Robert L. Stuart, John Q. Jones, and others of the old and opulent residents of this city. Its dividends for several years have been 100 per cent. per annum.—*New York Correspondence.*

DIVIDENDS AND THE LOAN MARKET.

The January disbursements for interest on the public debt and corporate dividends are very large this year, and will add to the stream of capital seeking employment in loans or investments. The Government interest will be about $27,000,000. Of this, some $11,000,000 will be paid on registered bonds, about $8,000,000 of which will be paid out at New York, $1,-716,000 at Boston, $700,000 at Philadelphia, $205,000 at Baltimore, $150,000 at Washington, $75,000 at Cincinnati, $60,-000 at Pittsburg, $58,000 at Chicago, $47,000 at San Francisco, and smaller amounts at some other points. Of the coupon interest Boston takes about $1,-500,000. In addition to the coin interest there will be paid in currency, on account of interest due on Pacific Railroad bonds: In New York over $1,500,000, in Boston, $280,000; and Philadelphia, $80,000. The payment of this interest without rebate has been in progress at the several Sub-Treasuries all the current week. From all the various sources of payment a very large amount of money will come upon the market, thus adding several millions to the present plethora. At New York the January disbursements for interest and dividends are estimated at nearly $48,000,000, and at Boston over $9,000,000.

FINANCIAL CHIPS.

In the last month of the Centennial year there were thirty-three commercial failures in New York, with liabilities amounting to $1,873,298, and thirty assignments were made involving a loss to creditors of $1,200,000.

The Bank of Nevada has the largest capital of any banking institution in the United States. The Bank of Commerce of New York has an equal amount, nominally, but its $10,000,000 is in greenbacks, while that of the Bank of Nevada is in gold. The ambition of the Bonanza Kings who own the Bank of Nevada is to obtain the control of the bullion business of the world, which now centres at London.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

The railway statistics of Great Britain for the year 1875 have been published recently. They are interesting as useful, showing that steady increase in business which has gone for a long series of years characterized the British railways. The gross receipts of British railway companies during 1875 were £58,963,935, or nearly $300,000,000. On all the British railways the receipts average 67.56 pence per train mile, say $1.35. The expense was 36.88 pence, showing a profit of 30.68 pence.

SILVER IN CIRCULATION.

Since the passage of the act of April 17, 1876, authorizing the issue of subsidiary silver coins, there has been issued from the United States Treasury on these coins to the close of business on Saturday $35,730,-781. Of this amount $15,348,844 have been issued to redeem fractional currency, and $19,171,937 were disbursed to meet currency obligations. Pittsburg paid out $464,883 of the amount at present in circulation.

Robinson Bros., Brokers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	104½
U. S. 6's 1881, coup	113¾
" 1865	108¼
" 1865 new	110
5-20's, 1867	112

5-20's 1868 coupons	114¾		
10-40's	111¾		
Currency's	118		
New 5 per cents	111¾		
10-40's coupons	111¾		

RAILWAYS

N.Y. Central	104¼	Ohio & Mississippi	7¾
Erie	19¾	Union Pacific	90¾
L.S.	61	Toledo & Wabash	45¾
C. & I. C.	21¾	Wabash Preferred	35¾
St. Paul	39¾	Adams Express	101¾
Do. Pref	84¾	American Express	89
Lake Shore	86¾	U. S. Express	87
Do. Central	20¾	W. Fargo & Co. Ex	81¾
Northwestern com.	36¾	Quicksilver	12
Do. Pref	66¾	Mariposa	7¾
Rock Island	100¾	Hannibal & St. Jo.	25¾
Cleve. & Pitts	90	Panama	132
Pacific Mail	37¾	Del. Lack. & Western	97
Western Union Tel.	72¾	N. J. Central	76¾
Delaware, L. & W.	74¾	Del. & Hudson	71¾

Robinson Bros furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board.

P. R. R.	(8) 48¼	Cen. Transit	40
Reading (8)	19	Empire do.	48
C. Cos. of N. J.	144½	Penna. R. R.	56¾
Old Creek (8)	8¾	P. C. & St. L.	17
Lehigh Valley (8)	42¾	N. Pacific bonds	81

NEW YORK, January 6, 1877.

Money 6@7, closing easy at 5@7; prime mercantile paper 5@7. The customs receipts were $183,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $378,000. The clearings were $29,000,000. Sterling was quiet at 484½@485. Gold opened at 106¾, afterward selling at 106¾ and 106¾. The rates paid for carrying ranged from 7 per cent. gold to 5 per cent. currency. Silver bars: greenbacks $1.31 3-8 bid and gold $1.28¾ bid; silver coin $1.23¾. The London quotation is unchanged since Thursday, when it was 57½ pence per ounce.

The following is the bank statement:

Loans, increase	$1,471,500
Specie, increase	5,321,100
Legal tenders, decrease	208,100
Deposits, increase	8,322,500
Circulation, increase	294,700
Reserve, increase	3,548,575

The notable event of the day on the street is that the bank average of gold on the weekly statement is $8,000,000 higher than the greenback average. Such a thing has not happened since the original issue of greenbacks in 1862.

Governments were active and lower. Railroad bonds were firm and in good demand. State bonds were quiet and steady. The stock market opened firm, afterwards became weak and declined, closing dull and lower. New York Central opened at 102¾, against 102 at the close yesterday, and later touched 103¼. Lake Shore rose to 87, and then fell off to 86¾. Rock Island declined from 101¾ to 101, St. Paul preferred from 90¼ to 89¾, Hannibal & St. Joseph from 14 to 13¾, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western from 75 1-2 to 75, New Jersey Central from 36½ to 36¾, and Michigan Central from 48 to 47 1-2. Western Union rose to 73, and fell off to 72 1-2. The widest fluctuation of the day were in Illinois Central, which dropped to 61, against 65 at the close yesterday. The transactions aggregated 73,000 shares, of which 17,400 were Western Union, 2,400 Northwest, 2,700 Rock Island, 4,000 St. Pauls, 3,700 St. Joseph, 16,900 Lake Shore, 6,700 Ohios, 6,000 Michigan Central, 2,000 New Jersey Central, and 6,000 Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.

Governments.—United States Coupons 1881, 113½; 5-20s '65, 109; do. '65 new, 110; do. '67, 113; do. '68, 114½; new 5s, 111½; new 4½s, 107½; 10-40s, 112½; do. coupons, 113; currency 6s, 121½.

State Bonds.—Tennessee old, 43; do. new, 43; Virginia new, 30; do. old, 30; Missouri 6s, 104½.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph Company, 72½; Quicksilver, 14½; do. preferred, 20½; Pacific Mail, 23½; Mariposa, 7½; do preferred, 7½; Adams Express, 101½; Wells, Fargo & Company's Express, 84; American Express, 57; United States Express, 58½; New York Central, 101½; Erie, 9½; do. preferred, 17½; Harlem, 135½; do. preferred, 133; Michigan Central, 47½; Panama, 124; Union Pacific, 60½; Lake Shore, 86½; Illinois Central, 61¼; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 90; Northwestern common, 36½; do preferred, 57½; C. C. C. & I., 88½; New Jersey Central, 36½; Rock Island, 100½; St. Paul, 39½; do. preferred, 89¾; Toledo & Wabash, 6; Fort Wayne, 100½; Terre Haute, 3½; do. preferred, 15; Chicago & Alton, 99½; do. preferred, 109; Ohio & Mississippi, 7½; Delaware & Lackawanna, 74½; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, 15 1-2; Missouri Pacific, 9; Atlantic & Pacific preferred, 2; Indiana Central, 5; Burlington & Quincy, 17; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 13½; Central Pacific, 106½; Union Pacific, 103½; Union Pacific land grants, 102; Union Pacific sinking fund, 94½.

LONDON, January 6.—The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance to-day was £44,000. Consols, 94½; 5-20s of '65, 105½; do. '67, 106½; 10-40s, 109; new 5s, 107 1-2; New York Central, 99; Erie, 9½; do. preferred, 18.

PARIS, January 6.—Rentes, 106f 10c.

FRANKFORT, January 6.—U. S. new 5s, 102½.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, } SATURDAY, January 6, 1877.

There has been a still further advance on Roasted Coffee, making an advance in two days, and the tendency continues upward. Sugars are also firmer and advancing, and Flour is strong at the recent advance. The fact is, many of the leading staples are appreciating in value, and there is an increasing demand in consequence; it may appear strange, yet it is true, nevertheless, that buyers are always ready to take hold of any article when it is advancing.

APPLES—Selling in a regular way at $1at,1,50 ₱ bbl.

APPLE-BUTTER—Dull; quoted at 28@30¢ ₱ gallon in kegs, and 43@45c in small packages.

BROOM CORN—Hurl, 6@6½c; choice brush that will work up, 5@5½; choice covers 4½@5c; choice lassing and covers, 4@4½; inferior and narrow, 3@3½; crooked, 2½@3, as to color and quality.

BEANS—Quotable at $1.75@2 ₱ bushel, as to quality, to the wholesale trade, and $2@2.25 in a jobbing way.

BUTTER—The market is still reported very dull and prices are weak and the general position of the market in buyers' favor. Prime to choice rolls, 23 @25.

CHEESE—Is firm, with a fair trade but unchanged. Prime Ohio Factory is still quoted at 14 @14½ to the wholesale trade, and 15@15½c in a jobbing way. "Young Americas" quoted in a jobbing way at 16½; "Nutmegs," 17c.

CIDER—Scarce and dull; quoted nominally at $1at per bbl—barrels included.

CRANBERRIES—2½@3c per lb.

DRIED FRUIT—Demand continues very meagre and prices are little better than nominal; Apples, 5@5c. Peaches, 12@14c for halves.

DRIED PEARS—$1.50@1.75 ₱ bushel.

DRESSED HOGS—Higher; firm.

EGGS—In light supply, and prices are firm and advancing. Fresh, 29@30c. Pickled, 23@25c.

FLOUR—The market continues firm, with a very fair trade, and the recent advance is fully maintained. Good standard brands of either winter or spring, $7@7.50; ambers, $7.50@; patent process and fancy, white wheat, $8.50@9.50. Rye flours, $4.50@5.

GROCERIES—The Coffee market continues very firm and considerably excited, and, as will be seen, we have again advanced our quotations on Roasted Coffee. Large arrivals from Rio Janeiro are favorable to importers, and a rise in Rio coffee here is not improbable. Refined Sugars are also firm and higher. The stock of New Orleans Sugar and Molasses in this market is very much reduced, and they are held with considerable tenacity in consequence.

SUGARS.

Cut Loaf	13¾	Standard A	11¼@12
Crushed	13¼	Standard B	11¼@11¾
Granulated	12¾	Standard C	11¼@11¾
Powdered	13	Standard Ex. C	11¼@11¾
		N. O.	9¾@10¼

COFFEES.

Green.		Roasted.	
Choice	26	Best	29
Prime	25	Second Grade	28
Fair	24	Third Grade	27
Java	32	Java	36

Loose half a cent less.

SYRUPS.

Choice	60	Fair	56
Prime	55	Dark	40

MOLASSES.

Choice new crop N. O.	63@65c
Prime new crop N. O.	58@60c
Fair new crop N. O.	45c

GRAIN—The receipts of Wheat continue very meagre, and with a steady milling demand, the market is firm but unchanged; fair to prime Pennsylvania and Ohio red may be quoted at $1.40@1.45; do, amber and white, $1.47@1.50. The demand for Oats continues light, and with a very fair supply the market is easy but unchanged; mixed, 37@38c; white, 39@40c. Ear Corn is also easier under the influence of increased receipts, and prices, as compared with the end of last week, are lower—at 52@53 on track. Shelled Corn is still quoted at 52@54 on track. Rye quiet and unchanged at 73@75.

HAY—Loose, the supply of which is getting light, higher; selling in Allegheny at $14@17 per ton from country wagons. Baled, on wharf and track, $18@19 for timothy.

MILL FEED—Bran is scarce and higher; we now quote at $14@14.50 per ton on track. Middlings and Chopped Feed, $20@22, as to quality.

ONIONS—In fair demand, but quiet and unchanged; $1.90@2.00 ₱ bbl.

OILS—Procter & Gamble's double extra, 95c; W. A. Gamble's do do, 90@92; Lard, extra, No. 1, 85@; White winter whales, 55@60; yellow, 52@55 cents. Carbon still quoted at 27 cents to the wholesale trade, and 1@2c additional in a jobbing way.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 10@12; do. Turkeys, 12@14; do. Ducks, 10@12c.

POTATOES—Continue quiet and unchanged; selling at $1.20@1.35 per bushel from store, in a jobbing way, the outside figure for prime Peach Blows.

PROVISIONS—As will be seen, we have advanced our quotations on Lard and Mess Pork, but even at the advance they (as well as all the Hog products) are cheaper than they can be laid down here from Cincinnati or Chicago.

Hams—Ex S. C. ₱ lb	12½	Lard, prime leaf, tcs	12¼
Shoulders Ex S. C.	9	Do. do. Hf bbls	12¾
Hf bbl Bacon S. C.	13	Do. do. Kegs	13¼
Dried beef Ex S. C.	15	Do. 3 lb caddies	14½
Beef Tongues S. C.	30	Do. 3 lb do	14¾
per doz	45¾	Do. 1 lb pails	15¼
Bacon Shoulders new	8	Do. 5 lb do	14¾
Short Rib Sides	10¾	Do. 10 lb do	14¾
Clear Sides	10¾	Pigs feet (half bbls)	4 50
Mess Pork ₱ bbl	$18.50	Do. (kegs)	2 15
Short Clear do	20	Hams (sugar)	13

RAGS—Steady at 2¾c ₱ lb for good country mixed.

TALLOW—Is easier; city quoted at 8½c per lb; country, 7½c.

THE WOOL TRADE.

New York.

Our market presents few new points of positive interest. Some dealers have had a fair amount of stock under negotiation, others very little—just as regular customers happened to be in want of supplies—but no indications of a general demand for the purpose of making accumulations of material at the mills. Most of the manufacturers are comfortably full of work, the unprofitable margin between the cost of wool and fabrics therefrom, and a few talk of holding off in their purchases in hopes of obtaining material cheaper. Holders, however, are as yet indifferent, and though, as noted for a few weeks past, a portion of the least desirable lots in the assortment have on occasion been ready to be shaded to facilitate business, there is no evidence of a general and positive decline. The amounts now on hand are fair, with the exception of really fine grades, and even of these there has so far been enough to "go around" without adding further to cost. The heavy condition of the streets has checked business somewhat this week. Foreign styles are quiet but about steady on most grades.

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Packing of the West.

The Cincinnati *Price Current* contains the following in regard to the packing of the West: Returns received from 278 interior points report 1,156,000 hogs to date, against 852,000 to date last season. Estimated packing for the season at these points, 1,604,000 hogs—an increase of 137,000 over the aggregate returns of last year. Total packing at all interior points to date, 1,266,000 hogs; against 1,090,000 to date last year. Total packing in the West to date, including the six cities, 2,075,000 hogs; against 2,125,000, to date last year—an increase of 550,000. Estimates for the six cities for the entire season, 3,410,000 hogs; and for all interior points, 1,700,000—making a total of 5,110,000 hogs. The reports indicate a moderate increase in weights and yield of lard somewhat better to date.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, } SATURDAY, January 6, 1877.

ARRIVALS.

Following shows the aggregate receipts for the week as well as those of preceding week also:

	This week	Last week
Cattle	210 "	114 "
Hogs	79 "	36 "
Sheep	— "	— "
Total	796 "	441 "

CATTLE.

Of the 467 cars reported for the past week, 299 cars were through and 168 cars local against 197 cars of through, and 94 cars of local preceding week.

The arrivals this week (particularly of local cattle) were much larger, almost double those of the preceding week; large receipts were looked for, but they were larger than expected. The Ashtabula railroad disaster caused a good many cattle to come here that otherwise would have gone to Buffalo, hence there was an increased supply here and a very light supply at Buffalo. Usually, with such largely increased offerings we have a bad market, but such was not the case this week; not only was the sharp advance of last week (as to ₱ lb) maintained, but the demand was fully equal to the supply. In consequence of the very light supply at Buffalo there was an increased demand here, both on Philadelphia and New York account, and then the enhanced cost at Chicago, as well as the very favorable advices from New York were not without their influence in the same direction. Moreover, the market closed strong and prices, if anything, a shade higher than it opened, that is for all grades of butcher cattle. The demand for stock cattle was light, as it always is at this particular ... hence, notwithstanding the offerings of ... character were light, the market was dull, without, however, any quotable change in prices. The various grades may be quoted as follows:

Extra 1,500@1,600 steers	5,75@6,00
Prime 1,300@1,500 steers	5,50@5,60
Good 1,100@1,200 steers	4,50@4,75
Stock ers 700@900 lbs	3,25@3,75
Bulls, Cows and Stags	3,00@4,00

SHEEP.

The arrivals of sheep during the week under review were the largest we have had for some time and about treble those of the week preceding; however, there was an an increased demand and the market was quite active at very full prices. Ordinarily, with such largely increased offerings, the market would have been a hard one for sellers, but this week, as already intimated, it was an exception to the general rule. There was a good demand both on Philadelphia and New York account, the inquiry for the latter point was better than it has been for some time, and with a brisk competition, sellers had no difficulty in realizing full last week's rates, the largely increased offerings to the contrary notwithstanding. It is worthy of notice in this connection that the run for some weeks preceding the one under review was light, and as the markets below were pretty well cleared up there was an increased demand this week in consequence. The course of the market the incoming week is uncertain; it is doubtful whether with a supply equal to that of this week, the same prices can be realized, and we would advise those who are buying to ship here to operate cautiously. We quote as follows:

Extra 110@120 ₱s	6,00@6,50
Extra 90@100 lbs	5,50@5,75
Prime 85@9 lbs	5,00@5,25
Good 75@80 lbs	4,25@4,50
Fair 70@75 lbs	3,75@4,00
Common 70@75 lbs	3,00@3,50

HOGS.

There has been a very decided change in the position of the market, as compared with the early part of the week. In the first part of the week the supply was considerably short of the demand, and sellers had it pretty much their own way—prices were advanced from 25 to 35c per ₱ each day. On Wednesday afternoon the market eased up somewhat, under the influence of increased arrivals; on Thursday there was a decline of fully 25c, and yesterday and to-day there was a further decline of fully 25c, so that prices are fully 50c since Thursday and the tendency continues downward. Today, there were quite a number left over unsold, and a further drop on the coming Monday's not improbable. We quote as follows:

Philadelphia Hogs	6,90@7,15
Yorkers	6,90@6,90
Roughs	5,00@5,50

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, } SATURDAY, January 6, 1877.

WEEKLY REVIEW.

Trade has been very dull during the past week, and prices as compared with the date of our last general report, are considerably lower. The heavy shrinkage in the value of the raw article is in sympathy with the product, although there is a formidable 'bear' element in the producing region, and the 'bears,' we suspect, have had considerable to do with the downward movement. It is intimated in some quarters that while the Standard Company are apparently favorable to keeping up the value of the raw article, they are in reality 'bearing' the market. Whether this be the case or no, it is certain there has been a sharp decline during the week, and the tendency at the present writing continues downward. There is no export demand whatever for Refined; exporters have been out of the market for two or three weeks, and many of our refiners are still busy, having contracted some time ago for future delivery. As stated in our report of yesterday, the ice embargo has stopped business at Philadelphia, as vessels can neither get in or out of that port, and the warehouses we learn, are full to overflowing in consequence. As compared with the highest point, prices are down 4 to 5c ₱ gallon, and at Antwerp the decline has been about 30 francs. We are in hopes, however, that by the time our refiners have worked up what contracts they have booked, that exporters will be in the market again, and it is probable that such will be the case.

Receipts crude from January 1st to date, 21,-801 bbls; same time last year, 26,956 bbls. Shipments of refined from January 1st to date, 19,760 bbls; same time, 1876, 664 bbls.

The Crude market continues dull, with but little change in prices since yesterday. United certificates opened at $3.47½ and advanced to $3.53¼, at which figure there was a sale of 25,000 barrels; afterwards it dropped to $3.46¾. Immediate shipment quoted at $3.70 for small lots.

Refined was also very dull to-day, with prices nominally unchanged; Philadelphia and New York delivery, 27c; to home trade buyers, here, 27c.

Oil Barrels quiet and unchanged at $1.50 for city make.

RECEIPTS CRUDE OIL VIA A. V. & R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
S. Craig	Miller o w	113
S. Craig	Star o w	74
S. Craig	Riverside o w	74
Stevenson & Co	Riverside o w	524
Stevenson	Peerless o w	901
Wallace & Co	Star o w	876
G M Robinson	Wheeling o w	56
Total		2,892

SHIPMENTS OF REFINED OIL PER A. V. AND R. AND O. RAILROADS.

Shipper.		Bbls.
American Oil Works	Brough, McK. & Co	Bal.
E. J. Waring & Co	Do	do 104
Citizens Oil Co	Do	do 200
Total		1,249

BARRETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, January 6, 1877

FLOUR—Quiet and firm.

GRAIN—Wheat fairly active and a shade higher; No. 2 Chicago spring $1,25¾ cash; $1,26¾ February; $1,28¾ March; No. 3 $1,11¾; rejected 97c. Corn: fair demand; 44½c cash; 44½c February; 46c March. Oats quiet; 34½c cash; 35c February. Rye quiet and unchanged. Barley firm at 65¾@66c.

PROVISIONS — Pork active, firm and higher; $18,05@18,10 cash; $18,30 February; $18,60 March. Lard strong and higher; very active; $11,65 February; $11,80 March. Bulk meats firm; shoulders 6¾c; short ribs 9¼c; short clear 9¾c. Dressed hogs quiet; light $7,40@7,60; heavy $7,60@7,75.

WHISKY—Higher at $1,07½.

New York.

NEW YORK, January 6.—Flour dull and unchanged; receipts 5,000 barrels. Rye flour quiet. Cornmeal dull at $4,25@5,15. Wheat slightly in buyer's favor; receipts to-day 5,500 bush.; ungraded spring $1,27@1,30; No. 2 Milwaukee afloat $1,43; amber Indiana $1,52½. Hay unchanged. Hops firm; yearlings 10@15c. Rye quiet; western 83@85c. Barley and malt unchanged. Corn quiet and unchanged; receipts 26,000 bush. Oats active; receipts 13,000 bush.; western mixed and State 40@50c. Coffee quiet; Rio cargoes 18 3-4@22½c gold. Sugar closing quiet; fair to good refining 9¾@9¾c; prime 9 3-4c. Molasses and rice dull. Petroleum dull and nominal; cases 32@34c; naphtha 13c; crude 15½c; refined 27c. Turpentine quiet at 40@41c. Of the unredimable margin between the cost of wool and fabrics therefrom, and a few talk of holding off in their purchases in hopes of obtaining material cheaper. Holders, however, are as yet indifferent, and though, as noted for a few weeks past, a portion of the least desirable lots in the assortment have on occasion ally be shaded to facilitate business, there is no evidence of a general and positive decline. The amounts now on hand are fair, with the exception of really fine grades, and even of these there has so far been enough to "go around" without adding further to cost. The heavy condition of the streets has checked business somewhat this week. Foreign styles are quiet but about steady on most grades.

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RIVER NEWS.

State of the Rivers. Movements of Steamboats, &c.

THE weather was again soft yesterday, the snow thawing freely, but in the afternoon the wind was working around westward, and thermometer fell several degrees. There is a possibility of a break up within the next day or two, but we are by no means sanguine at the present writing. The Allegheny was reported rising slowly at Oil City yesterday.

THE Hard Cash is still froze up at Augusta, on White River.

THE towboat Ark is still engaged in breaking ice and keeping the harbor clear at Memphis.

THE mails carried over the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad are hauled to Huntington, over the river, on sleds.

THE widest inhabitant of St. Charles says the Missouri River, opposite that city, is lower than ever known.

HARRY SMITHSON, one of 'Murphy's gang,' and who can make a good temperance speech, is an old steamboat clerk.

THE Carl Schurz is again afloat, and lies as straight as a shingle. The Ark pumped the Schurz out and set her afloat.

THE ice is gorged heavily at Ozark Island, 10 miles below Helena. That's the first gorge ever seen that low down the Mississippi.

CAPT. John B. Conway, an old and well-known steamboatman, but who for some years has been engaged in the pork-packing business in Iowa, is in town.

THE Robt. Mitchell was reshipping sugar and molasses to Cincinnati by rail from Louisville on Friday. She has considerable 'sweets' for Pittsburgh also.

THE Alex Kendall is in a safe harbor below Taylorsport in deep water, and behind a reef that will afford protection to the boat against a sudden breaking up of the ice.

H. H. MAYO, an old pioneer of Newport, Ky., and some years since a river express messenger between Cincinnati and Maysville, died at Covington, on Thursday, of typhoid fever, aged about 65 years.

THE jury in the case of the representatives of Joseph Tarr vs. John McClosky, owner of the steamer Tigress, rendered a verdict on Saturday in favor of plaintiff for $3,500. Motion made by defendant for a new trial.

THE Times was a movement of the ice at St. Bernard Conklin, 20 miles above Paducah, on Tennessee river, Wednesday last, sinking two shell-boats, with 22,000 bushels of coal. Several empties damaged, and the coal-tipple badly damaged.

THE sudden moving, Wednesday, of a large field of ice in the Mississippi, just above Cairo, stove in the side of the tug Montauk, causing her to sink immediately. She can be raised. She belongs to the Cairo City Coal Co., and was valued at $6000.

A telegram from Florence, Ala., to Capt. P. Conrad, St. Louis, dated 2d of January, says there is 16 feet 6 inches of water in the Tennessee at that port, and 10 inches of snow on the ground. If the weather should turn warm there, a flood height would take place.

THE Local Board of Inspectors of steam vessels, at Nashville, Tenn., during the past year have inspected 91 passenger steamers, 1 ferry steamer, 8 towdig steamers, 8 freight steamers, having an aggregate tonnage of 6682 tons. Also inspected 78 boilers, condemned 26 boiler sheets; issued license to 78 masters, 42 mates, 39 first-class pilots, 1 2d-class pilot, 88 first engineers.

A NASHVILLE correspondent writes: Considerable fears are entertained for the steamer Hettie Gibbs, ice-bound some 15 miles above Nashville. Should she attempt to run down the Cumberland to that the boats in the Cumberland had better stand from under. The ice is from 7 to 9 inches on the Tennessee at Chattanooga, and snow ranging from 12 to 20 inches deep along the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad, between Chattanooga and Nashville.

A New Orleans paper of Wednesday says: From the officers of the Bonnie Lee we learn that the following boats were laid up at the mouth of the Atchafalaya: Erie No. 19, Texas, Carrie Thorn and C. H. Durfee. The Bonnie Lee, in coming through Cut river found 2 feet large. The Josephine, Palmetto, Bertha, Trenton, Bertha Brunner, W. J. Behan and G. Spangler, were pulling through. The A. P. Koons, Belle Rowland and Lotus No. 3 were through, and will be in port today. The following inward-bound boats were awaiting an opportunity to pull through: R. W. Dugan, Pieta, B. Collins, Sauly No. 1 and Eureka No. 2. Of the boats the Bonnie Lee left there. The Bonnie Lee came through the Red River trap in about 2 hours.

CINCINNATI and all other cities situated on western rivers suffer from the ice embargo. Rates to points south, and even in Pittsburgh are double, or more than double, by rail than when the river is open. Fourth-class freight on Pittsburgh per ton is now quoted at 22½c per cwt, flour 45c per barrel and cotton at 40c; to St. Louis, fourth-class freight is 25c per cwt; to New Orleans, the railroads demand 30c ₱ cwt on fourth-class freight, 50c on bacon, $2.30 per barrel on whisky, $1.40 on pork and $1 on flour; to Memphis the rate is 45c per cwt on fourth-class freight and bacon, $1.75 on whisky, $1.25 on pork and 90c on flour. These figures speak volumes in favor of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers as means of cheap transportation.—*Cin. Gazette.*

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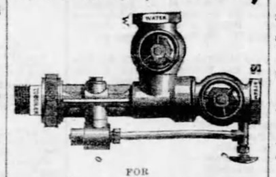
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Cash on hand and in bank	[illegible] 74
Cash in hands of agents and in transit	53 [illegible] 63
Real Estate	50 00 0 00
Mortgage bonds	1 [illegible] 00
Bank and Trust Company stocks	1,350,150 00
Railroad Stocks	579,686 00
Loans on bond and mortgage	81,500 00
Loans on collaterals	13,727 00
United States, State and city stock and other securities	1,989,[illegible] 61
Total	$6,702,649 98

LIABILITIES.

Claims not due and unadjusted	$ 246,385 50

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HOME NEWS.

Rapidly rising barometer, brisk and high north to east winds, decidedly colder, partly cloudy weather, and occasional snow, followed by clearing weather, are indicated for to-day.

Arrested on a Train.

On a Pan Handle train that reached the city yesterday morning were two detectives who had arrested two of the passengers immediately after the train passed the State line into Pennsylvania. One of the men had $1,400 which he tried to get rid of by throwing the roll of bills under one of the car seats. He was observed by a passenger and the money recovered. Who they were or on what charge they were arrested could not be ascertained last evening, as they went on through the city in charge of the officers.

Week of Prayer.

According to custom this week will be observed throughout the world by Christians of all denominations, as a special week of prayer, having been established as such by the Evangelical Alliance. In this city the churches generally will observe it, but in a majority of them temperance work will be made a feature of the exercises. The programme as established by the Alliance for to-day, is as follows:

Prayer—Thanksgiving for national, social and personal religious and temporal mercies during the past Centennial year, with confession of shortcomings and misimprovement of privileges.

The N. P. Money.

The announcement on Saturday morning that the $165,000 due on the last compromise of the Nation Trust Company had been paid to City Attorney Bigelow the preceding evening was somewhat premature. All the arrangements were not completed until Saturday evening after banking hours, and then, Judge Ketcham having given an order for the stoppage of the proceedings in bankruptcy, certified checks for the amount were not handed in to Mr. Bigelow's hands. Messrs. Spencer, Herron and McKay were the largest contributors. The securities for the $75,000 still remaining due are ample, Mr. Bigelow thinks that this will be paid within a month.

Flowers Fade.

The pall of death hangs over the household of John and Carrie F. Woolslair, of Industry, Beaver county, Pa. The friend of children has said to them, suffer little David, your youngest son, to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven, and the pride and pet of the family, a flower offered in the bud, has gone to bloom and exhale angelic sweetness around the throne of an heavenly father. David was a bright, intelligent, affectionate and promising boy,—and the parents, in their sad loss, have the heartfelt sympathy of many friends, with the stronger and more comforting consolation that they die young, whom heaven loves, that in their young prime their virtue is the best for death and that in a few brief years they shall see their boy again in the arms of eternal love.

QUADRUPLETS.

A Wilkinsburg Woman Gives Birth to Four Children.

On last Thursday evening Mrs. McDonald, a resident of Wilkinsburg, gave birth to four infants—two boys and two girls. They were nearly as large as ordinary babies. One died within fifteen minutes after birth, two lived three hours, and the fourth died on Saturday morning. Mrs. McDonald is about twenty-four years old, of fine form and excellent constitution. Her husband is a coal miner.

A case of quadruplets is exceedingly rare. Dr. F. S. Shaw, the physician who called Mrs. McDonald in her confinement, says that as near as can be ascertained they do not occur more than one time in 250,000 cases of confinement. The matter is the chief topic of conversation in Wilkinsburg.

THE CITY FATHERS.

Organization of Councils This Afternoon.

The organization of the new Councils of this city will take place this afternoon,—not this morning, as some of the papers have published. After this year they will organize at ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the first Monday in April.

There are three vacancies in Select Council, caused by the death of Benjamin Singerly and D. S. Reynolds, and the resignation of J. T. Dennison. In Common Council there are two vacancies by resignation viz., W. J. Flinn and Capt. Aull.

Major W. B. Negley will undoubtedly be re-elected President of the Common branch. It was thought Dan. Casey, Jr., would have no opposition for President of Select, but Dr. J. Guy McCandless has within the last few days been announced as a candidate, and may make it interesting to Mr. Aiken. Clerks Morrow and Booth will be re-elected.

THE LITTLE ONES.

Fund for Children of P. P. Bliss.

Our readers will recollect that Mr. Moody has requested the Sunday schools of the country to take a collection on Sunday, January 14, to provide a fund for the education and support of the two orphan children of P. P. Bliss, the Evangelist. At a meeting of Pittsburgh and Allegheny Sunday school Superintendents, held Saturday noon, at the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, this recommendation of Mr. Moody's was realized, and the Sunday schools of these cities requested to take up a collection on that day, and H. K. Porter, Esq., No. 5 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, was requested to act as custodian of the funds, and be responsible for receiving and forwarding them to Chicago. Persons desiring to do so can send their contributions directly to Henry Field, of Field, Lister & Co., Chicago, Ill., who is Treasurer of the general fund. Mr. Bliss' children are left entirely unprovided for, as none of the profits from the sale of Mr. Bliss' "Gospel Hymns" would be received by him.

THE WAR AT AN END.

Treaty of Peace Between the Boys who Fight Battles on the Ice.

Every winter, as soon as the ice forms across the Allegheny river above the Sixteenth street bridge, and is strong enough to bear any great weight, crowds of boys from this city and Allegheny commence battles with missiles of all sorts, sometimes even weapons are used, and these fights frequently terminate with slight injuries to one or more of these affrays, during which pistols were used. One boy was struck on the head by a bullet and a bad wound was the result inflicted, and another one had his ear badly torn by another bullet, while several others were injured more or less by pieces of ice and stones that were thrown. Yesterday a truce was declared. It was talked over among the boys of this city, and it was agreed that the fights had better be stopped before some person gets killed. A squad from Pittsburgh accordingly visited Allegheny and had a talk with a lot of the Allegheny boys, and it was mutually resolved to stop the fights. A short time after the return of the Pittsburgh boys crowds from both sides of the river were seen on the ice, and met in the middle of the river, and proceeded to shake hands all round. It is to be hoped that hostilities will never again be resumed between the two parties.

THE COMING MAN.

The Office of Fire Marshal—Aspirants to the Position.

The office of Fire Marshal, made vacant by the death of Mr. Livingstone, whose remains were interred yesterday, is one of the most lucrative appointive offices in this county, as there is a salary of $2,500 attached to it, an appendage which causes the office to be looked upon with longing by quite a number of persons. The Marshal is appointed by the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas on the recommendation of the Underwriters Association of this county.

It is generally conceded that Mr. John B. McFadden, who was Mr. Livingstone's assistant, will fill the office for the unexpired term, as it is stated that he has consented to do so and give the three months' salary to the widow of his predecessor.

The coming man for the next year is not definitely known, and not likely to be until the third Monday of March next, at which time the Court elects. There are quite a number of persons named in connection with the position, prominent among whom are Captain William Martin, Alexander Moore, William Chambers, William Paul, G. A. Miller, Colonel B. M. Faddeu—any one of whom would make a competent and efficient officer.

The members of the Board of Underwriters, at a meeting held Saturday, decided not to pledge themselves to any candidate, so that they might be untrammelled to vote for the best man. A very wise decision, as it will not only enable them to vote for the most efficient applicant, but will save them from an endless amount of boring between this and the third Monday of March. It may be that the Board will select some one whose name is not mentioned yet, as we learn there are several persons who would have no hesitation in taking the position, with the salary, and it is said that there are some willing to perform the duties of the office at a much smaller salary, and it is currently reported that the salary will be reduced to a much lower figure than is paid at present.

The great variety of Superior Crackers and small cakes now manufactured by S. S. Marvin & Co., is attracting universal attention. Retail Department, 18 Fifth avenue.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERMONS.

Lessons Drawn by Rev. W. H. Gill From the Ashtabula Catastrophe—A Terrible Warning That Should be Promptly Heeded—Discourse of Rev. Samuel Carlisle, of New York, at the Second Presbyterian Church, on the "Life Work For Eternity."

"The Ashtabula Horror."

A more attractive or suggestive theme could hardly have been selected by Rev. W. H. Gill for his pulpit discourse last night than one which relates to the recent awful railway catastrophe at Ashtabula, Ohio. The streets were extremely disagreeable, but they did not prevent the assembling of a large congregation. The sermon was delivered in the Central Presbyterian Church, at the corner of Anderson and Lacock streets, Allegheny. In opening the exercises Rev. Gill announced that out of respect for the memory of Mr. P. P. Bliss, who perished in the disaster, his hymns would be sung by the congregation.

He then gave out the one commencing,

"I know not the hour when the Lord will come,
To take me away to his own dear home;
But I know that his presence will lighten the gloom
And that will be glory for me."

This was sung with great feeling. It was followed by two others, "We're Going Home To-morrow," and "I am so Glad that Jesus Loves me." Then the minister began his sermon, which lasted for an hour and a quarter. Out of the text, What seemed most appropriate to the occasion, he had selected the following:

"Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter."—*Jeremiah, VII. chap., 32nd verse.*

"And it shall come to pass in that day that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea; and it shall stop the noses of the passengers; and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it the valley of Hamon gog."—*Ezekiel, XXXIX. chap., 11th verse.*

His subject was, that afflictions never come singly. Disasters seem to follow each other in troops. The early part of our Centennial year was free from disasters by rail, and nothing then occurred to mar the general peace or disturb the people; but 1876 went into eternity in the midst of blood. At the list was the terrible explosion at Zug's mill, in our own vicinity, then came the Brooklyn disaster, and quick as one messenger on the heels of another follows the appalling catastrophe at Ashtabula. Christmas had come with its wealth of cordial greetings and happy recollections. Some had come east and others had gone west to spend the holidays with their friends. Two hundred and fifty persons were about to start west from Buffalo on the Pacific express that memorable Friday night. The train was at the depot, there was hurrying to and fro on the platform, and friends were parting and kissing each other good-bye. All aboard," said the conductor shouted, "All aboard," and the train started on its fatal journey. Nothing out of the usual order of events occurred; evening settled down, and with other. The danger, therefore, is the beginning, in taking the first step, and it is the first step in sin that should be avoided.

The work must not only be well done, but it must be well intended, for no matter how concrete the building or work intellectually, if the heart is not in it it is not on the proper foundation, and will not stand the test. The heart must be right to save the man. And with a right beginning on a solid foundation, it is necessary that there should be constant care, as the steps of the Christian are beset with snares and pitfalls. It is frequently the case that when the professor of religion thinks himself the strongest that he is the weakest. He is led to believe that he can go into temptation and resist it, and for fear of the sneers and jeers of his associates, is led to take the first step, thinking himself sufficiently strong to resist its influence, but having left the true path, he finds it difficult to return to it again, and the end is destruction.

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THE MUNICIPAL MUDDLE.

Judge Agnew's Decision on the Penn Avenue Act—Lawyers Disagree—Import Not Definitely Known.

The Supreme Court of the State is a Court of last resort, and the learned Justices thereof, whose province it is to determine unsettled principles in law for the government of the lower Courts, and to correct the lower Courts when well settled principles are not observed, are supposed to be men great of legal lore, experience, and sound judgment, and in no instance when a question of importance is submitted to them for an opinion, it is certainly not unreasonable to expect that opinion to be sufficiently plain and definite as to be understood by lawyers, at least. Such, it would seem, is not always the case, as has been demonstrated by the recent decision on the Penn avenue act. The question to be determined was whether the city could levy on the assessments made on property holders on Penn avenue, under the act, or whether the city would have to levy and collect a general tax to pay for the improvement; and notwithstanding all the able lawyers and some of the judges of the court have been interviewed on the subject, no one has yet been found capable of telling what it is. It is decided by the opinion, and the city is left in a state of complete uncertainty as to the true status of affairs. The opinion, to use the words of one of the leading lawyers of the city, "is a remarkable document to come from a court of last resort. It decides a question of law on the principle of equity, ignoring the equities on one side of the case."

A number of the leading legal lights of the city were interviewed Saturday, not one of whom pretended to know what was decided by it. Some of the lawyers declared the Penn avenue act unconstitutional; another thought it did not; still another was of the opinion that the only thing decided was that the city should pay the costs in the "case stated," that if the case had come before the Supreme Court on an equity proceeding the decision would have been the reverse. The next man "tackled" thought under the decision any man who stood by and saw the improvement made without objection would have to pay the assessment, and the next was confident that the city could not collect any of the assessments, and would be required to pay back what had been paid. So diversified and conflicting were the opinions in regard to the matter the GAZETTE man abandoned his search, and, in the language of the Seminole Semodore, would ask the city authorities, "Where are we now?"

THE PRISON BOARD.

Annual Meeting—Contracts Awarded for Beef and Bread—Officers Elected.

The regular meeting of the County Prison Board was held Saturday, at which, it being what is termed the annual meeting, contracts for supplies were received and the appointments in the jurisdiction of the Board made. The Board organized by electing Hon. J. P. Sterrett President, and Henry Warner, Esq., Secretary.

Bills to the amount of $843.96 were presented and approved.

The bill of James G. Murray, Treasurer of the Board for 1876, for salary amounting to $500, was referred to a special committee consisting of Judges Kirkpatrick and White and County Controller Warner for examination, with instructions to report.

The report of Warden Smith of the number of prisoners and condition of the jail for the quarter ending December 31, was read and ordered to be filed.

Secretary Warner read a report of the condition of the Liquor License fund for 1876, showing a balance on hand January 1st, 1877, of $171,615.26, of which amount $115,192.50 is not under control of the board, being tied up by litigation pending with the State in relation to its disposition. On motion of Judge Kirkpatrick, Judge Ewing was requested to write to the County Solicitor, requesting his attention to the prompt settlement of the above cases.

Bids for supplying the prison with beef for the six months next ensuing after the 15th inst. were opened, and the contract awarded Philip Steinmiller, at 3 74-100 cents per pound. The contract for bread for the same period was awarded to Mr. John Doyle, at 3¾ cents per pound.

Judge Collier, Commissioner Irwin, and Sheriff Fife were appointed on the Quarterly Committee for the ensuing quarter.

A. W. Smith, Esq., was unanimously re-elected warden of the county jail; Dr. W. H. McKelvy, jail physician, and John Semple watchman of the jail.

The Board then adjourned.

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We understand that the volume is sold only by subscription. Mr. H. R. Bryant has been designated by the publishers as the agent for this section. He is a very worthy gentleman, reliable and industrious, and when he calls upon our people he ought, both for his personal merits and the merits of the book, receive attention. He can at present be found at the American House, this city, but in a few days will commence an active canvass of the city.

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MURPHY'S MOVEMENT.

Yesterday a Work in the City—Last Night's Meeting at Library Hall—An Immense Gathering—Speeches of the Reformed—The Railroad Meeting Yesterday Afternoon—East Liberty Meeting—North Avenue, Allegheny—Other Matters Pertaining to the Good Cause.

What an astonishing thing "Murphy's work" is, anyhow. Here it has been in progress for five weeks, and is still growing and spreading much after the manner of a snow ball, that is started rolling down hill, growing larger every moment until it becomes resistless in the night of its gathered strength. People who go once to the meetings go again and again, drawn thither by a subtle influence which they can no more explain than they can resist. And then when once there the multitudes find in the atmosphere a something that causes them to throw aside the habits of years, or the remembered fascinations of youthful indiscretion, and they place their names to the pledge by the thousands. None of the work done by Mr Moody and Sankey, either in the old or new world, can surpass that of Mr. Murphy in the breadth of its scope or the immensity of its results.

At the meeting at Library Hall last night, though an admission fee was charged, was no less great than those of preceding nights. At a very early hour the large hall was filled to repletion and still others came. This is the more astonishing when it is remembered that exceedingly disagreeable was the night, and almost impassable the streets. The character of the audience, too, was worthy of note. Culture, education, wealth and refinement were there, intermingled with ignorance, recklessness and drunkenness, yet all quiet, attentive and earnest.

The meeting was opened by singing "Coronation" by the choir, in which the audience joined. Mr. Murphy read a portion of the 8th chapter of John, and Rev. M. W. Roupe led in prayer. Singing by the choir followed.

Mr. Murphy then spoke for several minutes. He said they were gathered together to seek a higher life, a truer existence. The day had been a grand one; a day full of joy, in the communion with God, and those who are seeking Him. Mr. George Hall met Mr. Murphy during the day, and told him that he (Mr. Hall) had joined church, and his happiness would have been complete if Mr. Murphy had been there at the time. Eloquent and earnest as Mr. Murphy always is, the audience was hardly willing that he should take his seat without hearing that he had no intention of making a speech.

The choir and audience sang a couple of verses of "Thy welcome voice," and one of "Hold the Fort," when Col. Realf was introduced. He was laboring under a severe cold and hoarseness, and said he would not have been there at all had it not been for Mr. Murphy, who will believe that he can go into temptation and resist it, and for fear of the sneers and jeers of his associates, is led to take the first step, thinking himself sufficiently strong to resist its influence, but having left the true path, he finds it difficult to return to it again, and the end is destruction.

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Mr. Murphy himself spoke for a few moments, and then gave way for Chancellor Wolf. This latter said he had no intention of making a speech. He announced that on Tuesday evening a series of temperance meetings will be commenced in the Wylie street Presbyterian church, in the lower room thereof, and then some saloons in that neighborhood which they are determined of closing by the moral suasion of taking away their customers. He said that the good work accomplished cannot be made apparent by mere statistical statements, the words of his hearings, something beyond computation.

Since it has been commenced they have been spending considerable money; averaging $500 to $600 a week, and have had but little pecuniary help. The work has been going on quietly, in one way, yet somewhat noisily in others. The city is being organized and working unions established which he asked every member of the audience to join. He spoke of establishing a club room for temperate men (which has been published several times in the columns of the GAZETTE) was stated by the speaker. On Tuesday afternoon there will be a meeting of business men in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce to take action in reference to the matter. Any one desiring to assist in this work, can send any contributions of money to Josiah Copley. It is not the intention to solicit money, but all offered will be accepted as a spontaneous gift.

A beautiful composition of the lamented Bliss, entitled "That will be Heaven for Me," was sung in an admirable manner by the choir. Mr. Murphy, upon its conclusion, remarked that the evangelist and songster was now no doubt joining in the joyful anthems of the redeemed in that haven of which he has so gratefully sung while on earth. He then announced that five minute speeches would be in order.

Mr. Wm. Hill was the first speaker under this arrangement. He was suffering from a severe cold, but managed to speak for a few minutes. He considered it hardly necessary to tell the audience that this is a great movement—he thought they had found that out themselves. Still he must mention that all over the city it is growing more rapidly. He related the story of Columbus and the egg, and remarked that perhaps Mr. Murphy's lieutenants do not deserve so much credit, as they first had to have Mr. Murphy to show them how, as Columbus showed the Spaniards how to stand the egg on end.

Several hymns followed, affirming that he had not broken the pledge since he took it five weeks ago.

Captain John R. Barbour said he had joined church and expected henceforth to live a Christian as well as a temperate man.

Mr. Joseph R. Hunter said he had appeared so often that he had nothing left to say, especially as he was not in the habit of speaking in public. He regretted having ceodingly that Swartzwelder, to whom he paid a high but not undeserved tribute, and whose sincerity, he said, no one doubted, could not be present. He also believed that a large majority, if not all, those who had signed the pledge, to-day, would live and die not only a sober man, but a Christian also.

Mr. Dilworth McClelland, a young man of only eighteen, next spoke, as he said, to the young men. He hoped to meet them. The young man's remarks were really good, and evoked much applause